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NATURE'S AUDITORIUM — The three-day spring festival of the Tel Aviv Chamber Orchestra at the Beit Guvrin caves recently may not have provided the finest rendition of classical music in the world, but who could challenge the excitement of the venue, as this photo confirms.



TWO VIEWS — The Jewish National Fund, in describing the fish ponds it has established as water conservation sites, terms them "nourishment" for the migrating birds as they make their way through Israel from Africa back to Europe; but the kibbutzniks whose fish ponds are pillaged by those birds term it highway robbery. They use every device they know of to scare off the flocks.

Holocaust Remembrance in Israel, Europe and U.S.

In Warsaw, Jerusalem, Rome, New York and elsewhere the world remembered Holocaust Remembrance Day Sunday and Monday marking the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

In Warsaw Vice President Gore and prime Minister Rabin led the ceremonies, in Rome the Pope, a Pole, said that "the days of Shoah represented a true night of history, registering unheard of crimes against God and man" and a Hasidic rabbi said "The Jews of Warsaw, and those in the camps, never stopped praying and never stopped believing," adding that "Jews have never put down these weapons."

Speaking to thousands filling St. Peter's Square, the Pope asked, "How can I not feel close to you, beloved Jews, and to remember in prayers and in meditation such a painful anniversary?"

German president Richard von Weiszaecker said the uprising was "a shattering and living reminder of those people who have given their lives for freedom and dignity."

In Israel at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, the mournful wail of a siren brought the nation to a standstill for two minutes as it marked the memory of those who died in the Holocaust. Drivers left their cars in the middle of the road to stand at attention and people froze in midstride. On Saturday night all restaurants and places of entertainment and concert halls were closed. Israel Radio confined its selections to Israeli folk songs and classical music, while TV pre-empted its regular programming with Holocaust mementoes.

At Yad Vashem, Holocaust survivors, their families and dignitaries gathered to remember the fallen. Six survivors who live in Israel lit the six memorial torches, three of them having fought in the Warsaw Ghetto, and one in the prisoners' revolt at Treblinka.

Prime Minister Rabin told them, "We have learned from the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising not to be weak, that we can depend only on ourselves. The State of Israel will ensure that the Holocaust will never happen again."

In New York the Army band played Jewish prayer music and Holocaust tunes before a full military regimental color guard at Madison Square Garden. Various regiments whose men had liberated the concentration camps paraded in the theater with full honors with the Israel flag aside that of the U.S. Vice President Gore, wearing a yarmulke, asked "How could the human race have allowed such a calamity as the Holocaust to fall upon us?"

Some 6000 survivors of Nazi concentration camps lined up for more than two hours early to get into the cavernous indoor arena that was filled to the rafters. On the podium were Mayor Dinkins, Sen. Moynihan, Israeli Consul General Colette Avital and Benjamin and Vladka Meed, organizers of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization.

Moynihan told the assemblage that U.S. officials falsely claimed to have no knowledge of the concentration camps until they were liberated in 1945. "We knew what was happening and where. And now, as 50 years ago, we know."

Jew is named to S.A. cabinet

JOHANNESBURG — The first Jew in 50 years to be named to the South African cabinet is 62-year-old Louis Shill as Minister of National Housing and Public Works. Only one other Jew had served in the cabinet.

He was Dr. Henry Gluckman who was appointed by Field Marshall Jan Smuts in 1945. Shill founded the nation's first mutual fund and has built it into a major player in life insurance, finance and real estate.

Basketball camp has all-star staff

Girl basketball players who want some excellent training between school terms might consider High Intensity, a basketball camp at the University of Indianapolis.

The camp offers a cast of stars as counselors at \$200 for overnight campers and \$135 for day campers July 11-14. All campers will receive fundamental skill development, team play instruction, tournament play and the opportunity to enjoy three guest speakers.

This year's camp will feature: Lorea Feldman, University of Michigan (1984-88). Feldman was the University of Michigan MVP for three consecutive years. She now is Lawrence North High School varsity assistant coach.

Sharon Versyp, Purdue University (1984-88). Versyp still holds 2 career records for Purdue and was an All-America on the court, as well as an Academic All-America in the classroom. She now coaches the Lawrence North Varsity Team.

Dr. MaryBeth Schueth,

University of Notre Dame (1981-85). Dr. Schueth was an Academic All-America and still holds two career records for Notre Dame.

Donna Gill, Purdue University (1988-92), was an Indiana State Champion in three different sports her senior year of high school. She is currently overseas playing sports professionally.

Linda Godby, Auburn University (1986-90). Godby played for Auburn in three NCAA National Championship games.

Paulette Martin, IUPUI, (1985-1989). Martin was District 21 Player of the Year her senior year. She is now an assistant coach for IUPUI.

Lisa Hardin, (1984-88) and Mary Marravilla (1987-91), University of Indianapolis have all-conference and MVP honors respectively. Hardin coaches at New Palestine High School. Marravilla is an active assistant coach for the U of I Lady Greyhounds.

The staff player-coaches are college players who were

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Louis Buddy Yosha home is Decorators' Show House

Indianapolis lovers of life and luxury soon will get a chance to celebrate both by viewing the home of attorney Louis Buddy Yosha and his family.

Yosha is lending the use of the mansion this spring to St. Margaret's Hospital Guild as its 1993 Decorators' Show House.

Proceeds from the tour and associated events will benefit a planned high-risk prenatal unit at Wishard Memorial Hospital, where, it is hoped, the identification and treatment of potentially dangerous pregnancies will reduce infant mortality and provide other aid to mothers-to-be and their babies-to-be.

The show house will be open seven days a week from Saturday, April 24 through Sunday, May 9, beginning daily at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday and until 7:30 p.m. other days. There will be free parking at the nearby Major Taylor Velodrome and a free shuttlebus to the show house. The cost will be \$10 per person at the door;



THIS WAY IN: This is the entry foyer of the Louis Buddy Yosha home, the 1993 Decorators' Show House of St. Margaret's Hospital Guild. (Dan Francis, MARDAN Photography.)

\$8 if bought before April 24 at Marsh stores.

A Guild statement praised Yosha, the home's owner since 1979, as a philanthropist who has "opened his home to countless community, charitable, political and other fundraising events over the years." Visitors over the years have included numerous notables in the worlds of business, politics and entertainment.

Yosha's family includes his fiancée, Michelle, and three grown children. He has added to the home its swimming pool, gazebo and outdoor whirlpool and bar.

The house, designed and built between 1933 and 1935 by Henry L. Simons for Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Lacy Sr., has been voted "Favorite Home in Marion County" by members of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board in an Indianapolis Star survey.

The Yosha house at 4333 Sylvan Rd. is situated on about 10 acres overlooking Kessler Boulevard North Drive. After the Lacs died, Ardath and John Burkhardt bought the house. They sold it to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Davis in 1976. The Davises dwelt there just three years, but added a tennis court.

The mansion has 43 rooms, including service areas and bathrooms.

Decor includes Travertine marble in the entry foyer, bas relief molded plaster ceilings, a massive stone fireplace in

the formal living room and carved marble fireplace facades in the library and master bedroom. It has many elements of stonework and woodwork crafted by European masters from rare, imported materials.

Besides the open house, the Guild has arranged a luncheon and fashion show at the home Thursday, April 22, at \$50 per person and an opening night party there Friday night, April 23, at \$60 per person.

For further information about the showing of the house, call 328-9860.

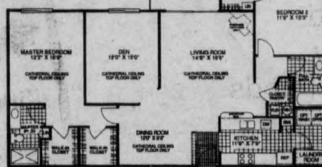
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Conservative women's conference focuses on courageous advocacy

Hudson Institute President Leslie Lenkowsky will give the keynote address Sunday at the annual spring conference of the Ohio-Kentucky Branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, hosted by the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

The three-day conference to be convened at Marten House marks 75 years of sisterhood vision and volunteerism, with a theme of "I Am Confident and Unafraid," from Isaiah, in the Book of prophets. All meals will be at Beth-El.

Lenkowsky titled his speech, "With Confidence We Face the Challenges Confronting Contemporary Jews."

A discussion of issues related to the future of Jewish growth, education and survival will set the direction of the conference.

Mayor Stephen Goldsmith will speak after dinner Sunday, after which congregation president Illene Maurer will greet the gathering. Cantor Ray Edgar will present a musi-

cal program to commemorate Israeli Independence Day.

By special arrangement, the participants on Monday will tour The Children's Museum's Holocaust exhibit, "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story." This will be preceded by a discussion with Gisela Weisz, a Holocaust survivor.

Indiana First Lady Susan Bayh, an attorney and volunteer, will speak Monday evening on "The Unique Contributions of Women Volunteers as Advocates for Social and

Political Change."

Rabbi Sandy Sasso of Beth-El Zedeck will present "A Journey of Jewish Feminism" at the Monday morning workshop. It will be followed at the closing luncheon by commentary on current events and issues by Janis Popp of Palo Alto, Calif. Popp, consultant and editor of the national League's "Outlook" magazine, also will speak Sunday night about 8 p.m., just before Cantor Edgar's musical presentation. Popp is the sister of

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Hasten gets step-in Maccabiah post

Hart Hasten has been invited by the United States Maccabiah Committee to serve as an alternate member of the 1993 United States Maccabiah Masters Tennis Team for the 14th Maccabiah Games in Israel in July.

The letter of invitation advised Hasten, "It is impor-

tant that you maintain top competitive form. In the event of an athlete's withdrawal from the team, you will be notified immediately."

Hasten earned his alternate spot by high placement in a recent preliminary competition.

Council here celebrates its 100th anniversary

The 100th anniversary of the National Council of Jewish Women was celebrated by the Indianapolis section with an Angel Luncheon at Broadmoor last Thursday.

Proceeds of the affair will benefit the Council's Hippy project, a home instruction program for preschool youngsters. The program will concentrate in the area of the Near East-

side Multi Service Center in cooperation with it. Twenty-five families will be selected to participate in the first year of the program, which originally was developed and tested by the Council in Israel.

Economically disadvantaged parents learn the fun and importance of teaching their children about the world around them from Hippy.

Israel Bonds sets new rates

New rates for three of Israel's securities have been announced, with the \$25,000 Economic Development Issue at a fixed annual rate of 6 percent. Two other issues, the Israel Zero Coupon Bond and the Individual Variable Rate Issue Bond are at 6 percent and 5.50 respec-

tively.

Benton Marks, local chairman, noted that at a time when money market funds and CDs are not offering as attractive rates as previously, Israel bonds continue to meet the needs of many investors.

Lorie Brown made associate

Lorie A. Brown has been made an associate of the law firm of Tabbert Hanh Kempf McKinley & Zanetis, P.C., 1 Indiana Square. She earned her law degree from the Indiana University School of Law and is former

staff attorney for the Indiana Department of Insurance. Her areas of practice include health care law, medical malpractice defense and general civil legislation.



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SHAL PESACH: For Passover the fabulous Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel was buzz-



ing with festively dressed families from many parts of the world. A section of the venerable building was shared with the World of Ambassador Tours, offering various entertainments and a glatt kosher catering service, from Ram Caterers of New York.

Religious services with Shacharit, Mincha Ma'ariv services, as well as services for the holidays and the shabbat, were scheduled. For children, practically around-the-clock activities, like arts and crafts, story time, games, seashell hunting, volleyball, pool games, movies and other

supervised diversions were on the list. For their parents and grandparents, among the available entertainment were poolside Israeli dancing, aerobic teachings, Adrian Arpel makeup lessons, massages, and lectures on fitness and nutrition. Tennis was available and by evening name entertainers. One of the well attended stage shows included comedian Frankie Mann, who perfectly imitated Menasche Skolnick, Jack Benny, Frank Sinatra and others and a silver throated singer, by the name of Alberto. He moved the audience with a clearly blustering "Ose Shalom Bimromov," a melodious "Rozhinkas and Mandeln" and practically gave the musical portion of the "Fiddler on the Roof" himself.

For the two Seders, Simona and Hart Hasten, their children, Josh Hasten, Laurie and Bernard Hasten from Indianapolis, with the couple's children, Erica and Joseph; Renee and Eyal Halevy from Israel, with their children Shane and Eli; friends and members of their extended Kushner, Lau-

light and Halevy families, 54 people in all, filled a private room at the Fontainebleau hotel. Around the huge rectangular table, four generations participated in the seder service, both seders lasting till early the next day.

The caterers creatively offered different and resourceful menus for each meal.

On the second seder night the uniformed waiters served barbecued tongue for appetizer, a remarkable mushroom soup, salad, matzo-meal crusted veal-ribs, three-color baked peppers, sweet potato patties, fruit and chocolate pastry.

IN INDIANAPOLIS: Beth-El Zedek Sisterhood will host the Ohio-Kentucky Branch Conference Women's League for Conservative Judaism, on April 25-27, this year.

TRADITION, TRADITION: Indianapolis's Daniel Frisch was an ardent Zionist. He lived long enough to see the result of his desire and diligent labor. He was still able to witness the birth of the Jewish state, Israel.

Daniel Frisch's granddaughter, Vivien Bacaner, celebrated her wedding on March 28 in Minneapolis. Vivien Bacaner married David Bahn from New York. The wedding gown was a very elegant white garment, origi-

nally worn by the bride's mother.

The groom wore the traditional kittel. Four men held the chuppa up during the ceremony, conducted by three rabbis. Prior to the chuppa ceremony, men and women were socializing in separate rooms.

The bride majestically sat on a throne, her head covered with a lace scarf. Her female guests were in attendance, before and during the "Bedeckung" ceremony.

The "Bedeckung" part of a traditional Jewish wedding hails back to the Biblical story of Rachel and Lea. Jacob, who was misled by the women's father, unwittingly married the oldest of the two sisters, Lea, and only seven years later was able marry the woman, whom he wanted: Rachel. Supposedly, at Jewish weddings, the "Bedeckung" ceremony, where the groom and his family comes to visit the bride-to-be, and lifts a veil, to see her face, is a symbolic practice, to make the groom certain, he will receive the right woman, the one, who was selected for him and not another.

In the Minneapolis Orthodox synagogue, the two mothers escorted the bride around

the groom seven times and the female wedding guests looked down at the chuppa ceremony from the balcony.

In the Sheraton Park Place Hotel the main course of the wedding feast was fish.

Men and women sat together at festive tables, however the dance floor was halved by a "Mechitza," assembled of tall, planted flowers. (Mechitza is the dividing instrument in temples and other gathering places, where Orthodox men and women wish to adhere to the religious requirement of separating the sexes at social gatherings.)

From Israel, Lazer Frisch and his son, Hillel, attended the wedding. From Indianapolis Pearl and Ruby Riskin, Janet and Max Simon, Martha Glasz and Jeanette and Harry Alpert were there. Also present among the many guests were Sam Dobrow from Muncie and Charlotte and Norman Chassen from Buffalo. Jeanette and Harry Alpert had a chance to visit the Mall of America, 12 miles from Minneapolis, the largest and most modern Mel Simon and Associates shopping center in the country. According to the Alperets it is well designed and it is possible to see many parts of it on foot.

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NORM WEISMAN

FLASH! Chuckles. Holidays make me feel like the tailor who makes size 10 slacks. I get a little behind in my column writing... AND... I'm writing this column very



slowly for people who can't read fast... AND... April is the month when millions of Americans yearn to get back to the "Old Sod" — some are Irishmen and the rest, golfers... AND... Overheard in a government office: "What a day. The computer broke down and we had to think..." AND... The moderator said, "We will open this debate with the Republican candidate speaking first." The candidate said, "I refuse to answer, on the grounds it may eliminate me..." AND... George Washington would not be able to throw a dollar across the Potomac river nowadays. A dollar doesn't go as far as it used to... AND... We really don't need any calendars now. When it rains — it's Sunday.

FLASH! Congrats to Sandra Kaye Satinsky (Miriam/Meyer) and Glen White, who tied the knot on April 10 in New Orleans. Besides mom and dad, attending the nuptials in New Orleans were Sandra's brother Dan/Dinah and family from Boston and brother Steve from Indy. The happy couple flew to El Paso and then drove into Mexico, venturing into desert areas

and driving over the mountains. Sandra teaches second grade and Glen is an architect. They will make their home in New Orleans. We wish much happiness to the newlyweds.

FLASH! Congrats to a charming gal, Miriam (Smulevitz) Dant, who has been appointed an executive assistant to Gov. Evan Bayh. A wise choice. (Miriam is the daughter of Sandra and Howard Smulevitz) Best wishes, Miriam... FLASH! A trivium. How can a baseball pitcher win a ball game without throwing a ball? He throws nothing but strikes.

FLASH! Last Sunday, the Alboher Development bowling team defeated the Style Store bowlers for the championship of the B'nai B'rith 1992-93 bowling season. It was an exciting match that wasn't decided until the final game. The championship bowlers were Mike Alboher, Bruce Sandler, Alex Paskoff, Greg Sacks, Steve Nahmias, Rick Bluestein and Sam Calderon. Mike Alboher finished the season with a 208 average — the best in the B'nai B'rith bowling history. (Many pros would like to have an average like that). The Style Store bowling team included Dr. Harold Aron, Ed Peachin, Frank Zendell, Mike Sapper, Dr. Gary Breslauer and Stan Goldhamer. Wait until next year, "fellers." A special award goes to the genial Don Siegel who had a perfect attendance record for the 78 games this season. The B'nai B'rith Bowling League banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 12 at Broadmore.

FLASH! A true-ism. One good thing about an "egotist," he does not go around talking about "other" people...

FLASH! Norm's philosophy of the week. Life is like an ice cream cone — you have to learn how to lick it.

FLASH! Daffynitions. (A great daffynition) A dog who has the house broken — before he is. (Newlywed) He tells his wife everything. (Amnesia) Nature's way of saying "forget it." (Night cap) At night clubs, people don't wear them, they drink them. (Gal-lahad) A former sweetheart.

FLASH! The Jewish Community Center will be the beneficiary of a benefit performance of the Civic Theatre production of "A Chorus Line" featuring Dance Kaleidoscope, on Saturday, May 8, 8 p.m. The balcony has been bought out for this special production. A champagne and dessert reception will be held in the Kitty Pantzer Room for all ticket holders. A glorious evening is planned, with great music and great dancers and unique choreography. Make your reservations and enjoy this special performance. For further details, call the JCC, 251-9467.

FLASH! A mis-print? Lola Carlisle, a budding author, said she had circulated her "navel" (novel) among various Hollywood producers.

FLASH! Jest for laffs. I was visiting my brother-in-law in New York and he took me to his tailor for a suit. It was an experience I'll never forget. It's the first time I ever saw a pushcart with a fitting room... OR... "Officer, this man is annoying me." "But he isn't even looking at you." "I know; that's what's so annoying..." OR... "No, I didn't take the job, because there was no future in it. The owner's daughter is already married..." OR... He said his house is thoroughly insured. For instance, if a burglar gets hurt while robbing his house, he can sue.... OR... "Sir, does this train stop at the Grand Central Station?" "Well, if it doesn't, there's going to be a big crash."

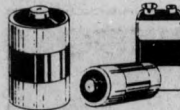
FLASH! A tee hee. I was trying to get my wife interested in football. I explained that the game was divided in four quarters. She said, she'd watch 50 cents worth.

FLASH! Back from a week trip to Paris, is Jody Kaseff (Rachette/Larry) Jody, a senior at North Central travelled with 12 French-language upper class students from Broad Ripple High and four students from North Central. They did it on Spring Break, staying at a Youth Hostel in Paris and using all local transportation, while speaking French. They enjoyed a wonderful week of touring, sightseeing, eating French food, etc. A great experience for these students.

FLASH! A grin. Taxing the rich, reminds me of the judge who asked the prisoner, "How come you only rob banks?" The prisoner said, "Judge, that's where the money is!"



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'Marriage of Figaro' a problem

By CHARLES EPSTEIN

The latest effort of the Indianapolis Opera suffered a lot with the handicap of being presented in English. Whenever an opera is presented in



English without the benefit of supertitles above the stage there seems to be an immense problem of understanding what is going on on stage. Opera singers seem to be in the habit of not caring whether we in the audience understand them or not. They do not enunciate nor project. That seemed to be the biggest problem with "The Marriage of Figaro." We could not hear; therefore, we did not know what was going on.

"The Marriage of Figaro" has a very complicated plot with a lot of characters masquerading as someone else. If one reads the synopsis in the

program, one also has to retain this information while watching the opera. This puts a lot of responsibility on the audience, taking away from the enjoyment of the evening. The strain of trying to remember who wrote a letter, who it was for and why it was written should not be taxed upon the audience. This is the performers' job, to keep the audience informed.

Unfortunately this does not happen with operas presented in English. "The Ballad of Baby Doe" to be presented in April of 1994 will have extreme difficulty because it is written in English. It might be prudent of the Indianapolis Opera to consider supertitles for this opera also. If this seems to be embarrassing, the IO could state that supertitles are now standard operating procedures. It is unfortunate that this is a necessity.

Aside from the hearing problem "The Marriage of Figaro" was not an outstanding production. It was uninspired, static and tiresome. After two hours we were only halfway through. Not only was this presenta-

tion too long, it was dull and boring in too many places.

In fairness to the cast, there were wonderful voices on stage. But what is the point of hitting all those glorious notes if the audience does not understand what you are saying or doing? Motivation is very important. Conveying this over the footlights is imperative for the audience's enjoyment. Opera singers must remember to perform for the audience, not for themselves.

Every member of the cast of "Figaro," was difficult to hear. It was a shame that the highlight of the evening was the humorous pre-curtain speech by the charming new general director from Holland, Nando Schellen.

Conference

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Judy Goldblatt of Indianapolis and the wife of Dr. Richard Popp, who is related to the Indianapolis Popp.

The president of the League's Ohio-Kentucky branch is Estelle Dobrow. Joan Rubenstein is president of the Beth-El Zedeck Sisterhood. The local conference chairperson is Carol Blatter. Gail Arenstein is workshop coordinator.

For additional information, call 875-0171 or 848-6905.

By CYRELLE SIMON

Front page news! — Jonah Busch, a 13-year-old student at Harrison High School is tops in mathematics in the State of Indiana, sharing the title with a North Central High student from Indy. Jonah, who was featured in the headline of our local paper, scored 117 out of 150 points on the American High School Mathematics Exam.

His proud parents are Tom and Kathy Busch, and his grandparents are Ralph and Marjorie Morris. Jonah is a fourth generation member of Temple Israel, where he attends Hebrew and Sunday Schools. His dad, Tom, practices law and his mom, Kathy, teaches art.

Jonah, who has already been identified as one of the brightest minds in the Tippecanoe County School District, has two charming younger sisters, Kyra and Laelle. Mazel Tov to the family on the achievements of this gifted student.

Bar mitzvah — Jeffrey Phillip Wood, son of Allen and Sharon Wood, will celebrate his bar mitzvah on shabbat,

May 8, at Temple Israel. Jeff has been a student in the Temple Hebrew and Sunday Schools as well as an active member of HaShachar, the Hadassah Youth group. He attends 8th grade at West Lafayette Jr. High School. Jeff's dad teaches French at Purdue and his mom was executive director of the County Mental Health Association. Mazel Tov to the family on this auspicious occasion.

Purdue Jewish Studies Noon Series — Ms. Elena Kuzmina Kurylev, from the Museum of Anna Akhmatov, St. Petersburg, will discuss "The Jewish Themes of Alexander Galich," on Wednesday, April 28, in room 204 of Purdue's Stewart Center.

Top tens — For the fifth year in a row, Anna Berkovitz, biology instructor (and Holocaust survivor) was chosen one of Purdue's top ten teachers! Anna's husband, Len, is a former head of the math department. They have two grown sons, a doctor and a lawyer. Mazel Tov on Anna's honor!

Basketball

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successful Indiana high school players: Amy Brauman — Illinois State University; Muffy Murphy — IUPUI; Shannon Lindsey — Purdue; Lori Morgan — University of Indianapolis; Lora Hottell — University of Indianapolis.

High Intensity is directed by Denise McClanahan, the Southport High School varsity coach. Guest speakers will be Randy Whittman, Indiana Pacers; Tom Cooper, 3-point shooting; and Gary Donna, Hoosier Basketball Magazine.

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Discourage teen pregnancies by teaching parenting: expert

It's not that he wants school to be a turn-off, but a Harvard educator says that teaching in school about parenthood might be a good way to prevent premature pregnancies.

Dr. Alvin Poussaint, associate professor of psychiatry and associate dean of student affairs at Harvard Medical School, was the windup speaker for the Block Forum lecture series Sunday at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Poussaint told the audience of more than 700 people that the fact that more than 3.1 million cases of child abuse or neglect were reported nationwide recently compared with 75,000 cases in 1975 is a barometer of what has happened to parenting.

Such figures, he said, indicate parenting skills are not inherent, but must be

taught, preferably in the schools.

"After you require training for four years in the school, a lot of teenagers won't want to have kids; they'll see that it's not that easy," he said.

Poussaint is a script consultant for "The Cosby Show," but he did not go easy on television. He said even seemingly harmless howls like "Sesame Street" condition preschoolers to expect learning to be fast-paced and fun. When they get to school and the teachers aren't singing and dancing, he said, "that comes as a shock to them."

He said it is almost universal that when you ask children why they drop out of school, they respond, "It's boring!"

Poussaint, author of "Why Blacks Kill Blacks"

and "Raising Black Children," is often consulted on topics ranging from race to politics to psychology.

The 1993-94 lecture series will feature James Carville, chief campaign strategist for President Clinton; Thomas L. Friedman, foreign and White House correspondent for The New York Times; Reuben M. Greenberg, chief of police of Charleston, S.C., and author of "Let's Take Back Our Streets," and Calvin Trillin, humorist and food critic for "The New Yorker."

Friedman is an authority and author of books on the Middle East. Greenberg, who is Black and Jewish, has been a consultant to other police departments as well as running his own.

All lectures start at 7:30 p.m. at IHC. Tickets to the series are \$30.

Hoosier women defeat Irish in tennis regional

BLOOMINGTON — Indiana University's women's tennis team, led by Deborah Edelman at No. 1. singles and Rachel Epstein at No. 3 singles, defeated Notre Dame Sunday, 7-2.

The dual between the number one and number two teams in the Midwest Region gave Indiana the edge for the automatic NCAA berth from the region.

Indiana nos is 8-2 against nationally ranked teams, 19-2 overall and 8-0 in the Big 10.

Edelman, No. 18 in the country, defeated No. 67 Wendy Crabtree, 7-6, 6-4. Edelman raised her season mark to 28-10.

Epstein, No. 84 nationally, won her 11th straight match for a season total of 26-4.

Edelman and Epstein also teamed up to defeat Crabtree and Lisa Tholen in No. 1 doubles, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Indiana will finish the regular season on the road next weekend at Purdue and Illinois.

Sanctuary named for Rabbi Charry

PHILADELPHIA — The sanctuary of the Germantown Jewish Center was dedicated in memory of Rabbi Elias Charry who served the congregation from 1943 to 1974 as its religious leader and then as rabbi emeritus from then to his death in 1983.

Featured speaker was his son, Rabbi Marim Charry, director of education at Temple Israel, Great Neck, N.Y., whose topic was "Remembrances of My Father." His daughter, Adina Ben Horin, of Jerusalem, also participated.

Jewish singles hear Prof. Katz

Prof. Irving Katz, who has been professor of American History at Indiana University for more than 28 years and who initiated the university's course on Jewish History, will be the speaker of the Forty Something and More Jewish Singles Brunch at noon this Sunday at the home of a group member. Location details are available from the Jewish Community Center or Marsha Landau, 251-9467, extension 233.

The subject of Prof. Katz's talk will be "Jewish Humor."

The charge is \$6 per person. Reservation should be made.

Jewish singles of all ages are invited.

Beth-El greets potential members

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck is sponsoring its second "Getting to Know You..." event on Sunday, May 2 at 4:30 p.m. A Spring Picnic and Open House is being planned for new and prospective members who would like more information about the Beth-El congregational family.

Please make your reservations for this complimentary event by Wednesday, April 28 by calling the synagogue office at 253-3441. In case of rain, the program will be held indoors.

OBITUARIES

Louis Goldstein, W. Side merchant

Louis L. Goldstein, who operated Goldstein's Department Store on West Michigan Street from 1935 to 1972, died Sunday at the age of 88. He was a member of Beth El-Zedeck Congregation and its Men's Club, B'nai B'rith and the Masonic Lodge.

Rabbi Dennis Sasso conducted funeral services Tuesday at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson

Meridian Hills Mortuary. Burial was in Beth El Cemetery North.

He is survived by his wife, Bess Wild Goldstein; son Alan H. Goldstein; daughter, Mrs. Thomas Marshall; brother, Reuben Goldstein; sister, Leah Kamber, Deal, N.J., three grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Ruth Halpern dies in California

Mrs. Ruth L. Halpern died last Monday in Panorama, Ca., at the age of 94. She and her husband, the late William I. Halpern, operated the Halpern Electric Co. here for 45 years until 1975.

She was a former member of B'nai Torah Congregation.

Funeral services were conducted by Rabbi Larry

Milder Thursday at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary, with burial in B'nai Torah Cemetery.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Jane Zukerman, Mrs. Adelle Leve, Mrs. Barbara Davis, Richmond, In., and Mrs. Chy Nach, North Hills, Ca., 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Wilfred Winkel dies at age 83

Wilfred (Will) Winkel, who was a watchmaker, died last Saturday. He was 83 years old. He worked for Goodman Jewelry Co. in Castleton and previously with the Kay Jewelry Co. He was a member of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation and Monument Masonic Lodge 657.

Rabbi Dennis Sasso conducted funeral services Mon-

day at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery North.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Weiss Winkel; a daughter, Mrs. Marlene R. Bradley; a son, Gary D. Winkel; and three brothers, Harold Winkel and Michael Winkel, both of Chicago, and Donald Winkel, of Arizona.

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The Holocaust Museum

The opening of the Holocaust Museum in Washington is a big occasion for the Jewish community, and there is no question whatsoever that those who masterminded this momentous program have created well, probably beyond even their expectations. This is a monument for history, not only the history of the Holocaust but a history for the world and incontestable testimony to its inhumanity.

It will be recalled that when the project was first broached and even after it had won Congressional support, there was criticism, mostly along the lines of the baleful aspects of such a monument and even more significant, the huge sum required when Jewish education was strangled for lack of financial support.

The real test of the Memorial will be its attraction for the masses, not only the Jews, for to the Jews a visit will be as significant as a visit to Yad Vashem in Israel. The chances are that more non-Jews will go through the visceral experience of a few hours at the Memorial than Jews.

Down through history the Memorial will continue to play a role and not only in Jewish life.

Assuming that a great American Zionist leader had the vision of the Holocaust Memorial, he would have been an extraordinary Jewish thinker, for more than anything else the Memorial is testimony to the need for a place which Jews could call their own. There will always be anti-Semitism down through history, but there cannot be another Holocaust — now that there is an Israel. Any international figure who visits Israel, pays his respects by spending some time at Yad Vashem. We believe that the same practice could develop for the Holocaust Memorial for those foreign dignitaries who come to the White House to plead the case for their nation.

The Anti-Defamation League should not close up shop yet, but it might find the problems it confronts considerably decreased over the years, for its true role has always been to convince the populace that anti-Semitism was more dangerous for the community as a whole than it was for the Jews it victimized.

ADL employs a P.R. firm

LOS ANGELES — Facing possible charges that it crossed the line in its striving to obtain information about potential attacks on Jews, the ADL has employed a public relations firm to present its case. The Los Angeles Times which broke the original story on

ADL practices said in an editorial that it questioned "whether the ADL might have crossed the clear line that separates gathering information on defamers and gathering information that possibly could be used to embarrass and even defame others."

Soros included among wealthy

LONDON — Britain's wealthiest Jew is George Soros, according to the annual Sunday Times survey of the UK's 400 richest people. He is new to the list and is

in 11th place. His wealth is estimated at 750 million British pounds. Altogether almost 30 Jews made the list.

Lord Zuckerman succumbs at 88.

LONDON — Lord Zuckerman, who served as chief scientific advisor under five Prime Ministers and two defense secretaries, died at the age of 88. He was knighted in 1971 and earlier had been

honored with the Order of Merit. During World War II his direction was a principal factor in the success of the RAF's bombardment of Nazi-occupied Europe.

As we noted here last week, we never met Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveitchik, but he clearly, if you follow his actions, was a man who maintained his own convictions, regardless of where that might have led him. Many could point out that he was so great that his various concessions to modernity might be overlooked. But on the other hand, it could be just the reverse and greatness was bestowed on him for the very fact that change did not daunt him and he refused to retreat into isolation.

A reading of his obituary is enlightening. It was his standing that made possible Orthodox participation in umbrella bodies such as the Synagogue Council of America, even while other Orthodox authorities were willing to issue a ban against such activity. Also he silenced the controversy which arose when Stern College, the women's school of Yeshiva University, began to offer courses in Talmud study almost two decades ago. In fact, he delivered its inaugural lecture.

As head of Mizrahi, the Orthodox Zionist movement in America, it was his sanction to the Orthodox community's acceptance of the State of Israel that permitted the singing of Hatikvah and the celebration of Israel's Independence Day.

Obviously it was his devotion and his great mind that made him the scholar that dominated Orthodoxy for the past decades. And likewise it was his incapacitation by Parkinson's disease which robbed the entire American Jewish community in the last 20 years or so of the kind of leadership so desperately needed as it confronted changes so rapid and devastating as to challenge the future of Judaism as a whole.

He might have and could have led it to observance of Jewish values in a day when religions of all kinds were unable to stand up to the inroads of science and its unemotional attitude toward life.

When our mayor returned from his visit to Israel, we wrote to him requesting either an interview or, if he preferred, an article or two about his reactions to his first time in the Jewish state. That was three weeks ago, and as of this writing, there has been no response. We cannot understand why he would refuse our request. We have reported, not commented, in the past about certain aspects of his Jewish affiliations, but he knows that as a public figure that is only par for the course.

A visit to Israel is bound to have an effect on any visitor, not to mention a Jewish one, so what he has to say should be of interest to not only the readers of our Indiana Jewish Post and Opinion, but to readers our National Jewish Post and



—Photo courtesy of Israel
Mayor Stephen Goldsmith is shown with Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem at the 13th annual Jerusalem Conference of Mayors March 21-27.

Opinion, since he most likely will be a candidate for governor (he did run unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor) and maybe beyond. His stewardship as mayor thus far has been widely approved by the citizenship and he already is recognized far beyond the borders of Indiana.

Rabbi Sol Landau of Congregation Beth David, Miami, has sent us a copy of the invitation to the observance of the 200th yearzeit of Rabbi Yechezkel Landau in Prague on May 8, followed by memorial ceremonies at 2 p.m. the next day. A commemorative observance will be conducted by Rabbi Landau at his congregation the same day. What yichus there must be when the family can be traced to such a noted forebear. The Prague ceremony is under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, the Lord Mayor of Prague and the State Jewish Museum of Prague.

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Jewish delegation brings solace to the Hani family

JOHANNESBURG — The 11-member delegation of the Johannesburg Jewish Community who paid their respects to the widow of Chris Hani, the African National Congress and South African Communist Party leader, left behind the traditional meal that accompanies a Jewish funeral. It consisted of 80 cooked chickens and packets of tea, coffee, sugar, milk powder and biscuits.

Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris representing the Orthodox, and Rabbi Michael Standfield of the Reform Movement traveled together with a convoy of cars to the Boksburg home where Hani was shot to death in broad daylight. The Jews used the traditional black solidarity handshake to greet Dimpho Hani, while Rabbi Harris wished her and her family "long life," explaining that this was the customary Jewish greeting to mourners. Hani's aunt responded by saying the Jewish community would be remembered for bringing comfort during this painful time.

The delegation was formally thanked by the vice chairman of ANC's regional executive committee, Mathole Motshekga.

Israeli restores sight to president's relative

JERUSALEM — Invited to Malawi to restore the sight of a relative of the president of the African country, Dr. Shmuel Levinger as a sideline cured more than 20 other visually handicapped people.

Dr. Levinger, of Hadassah-University Hospital, was asked by the government of Malawi and the voluntary organization, Sight Savers, to save the eyesight of 27-year-old Julius Bandi, the president's relative. Bandi has lost the sight of one eye and was nearly blind in the other. He had undergone two unsuccessful operations, one in Malawi and the other in South Africa.

On one of the other operations on a young woman from Zambia, who had waited for seven years for the treatment after having been turned down by surgeons in Britain on the grounds that it was too complicated. Her sight was restored almost immediately after the surgery.

Terrorist blames accusers

NEW YORK — Khaled Mohammed el-Jassem got his chance to state for two hours that he had been framed by the Israel and U.S. governments and abandoned by the PLO before being sentenced to 20 years in prison for trying to bomb three Israeli sites in New York in 1973.



WATCH OUT! — In Israel high school girls, such as this one, take part in shooting competitions as part of the Gadna youth forces training program. Women soldiers are now assigned as sharpshooter trainers for the male contingent of the Israel Defense Forces.

College president has answer for anti-Semite

FRANKLIN, Ind. — There are many reactions to anti-Semitic outrages, but President William Bryan Martin of the 909-student Franklin College here used an open letter, which was distributed campus-wide, as his response. The message, "KKK", was scratched on walls of some campus buildings.

The letter read in part:

"Perhaps you were absent during kindergarten when the elementary lesson was taught that it is wrong to deface others' property.

"Perhaps you were absent during high school when the history teacher taught of the power of 'KKK' to frighten and disgust and of the shame associated with that symbol in this country and state.

"Perhaps you were absent during orientation to Franklin College and did not

learn of our tradition as an intellectual community wherein we debate and dialogue — openly, vigorously, honestly and responsibly. Cowardly anonymity is not respect. Well, whatever your absence, we in this academic community have a clear message for you: cease or absent yourself from us.

"If you need help, seek it from faculty advisors, student affairs counselors, the chaplain, the college's doctor, resident assistants, or members of your peer trust team.

"But, if you just want to secretly scratch like a thief in the night, you are wasting space. Step aside and let another join us. We want to get on with making this world happier, better and more free."

Gadhafi's offers are challenged

JERUSALEM — No one in Israel is taking seriously the offer of Moammar Gadhafi, of Libya to visit their home country and at the same time offering compensation for property the Jews were forced to leave behind. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres spoke for the government when he challenged Gadhafi to join the peace process to prove his claim that he has changed his approach to Israel.

Peres did take note of what he described as "interesting" measures taken by Gadhafi recently which he said were designed to please the U.S.

Brazil has its own Cardozo

BRASILIA — A name that is famous in American Jewish history — Cardozo — broke into the news here as Brazil's Foreign Minister Fernando Henrique Cardozo told a visiting delegation of the American Jewish Committee that he hopes to be jointly honored in the future as he is at present by his country's both Jewish and Arab communities. Brazil's record of voting against Israel in the UN and its subservience to its large Arab population seems to be changing to a more even approach. In addition Brazil had been supplying Arab countries with arms in exchange for oil.

9 new nations join Maccabiah

PHILADELPHIA — For the first time in the 1993 Maccabiah nine new countries will be sending teams. They are Bulgaria, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania.

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THE FAMOUS MEZUZAH — The entrance to the Bloomfield Science Museum in Jerusalem now boasts one of the most famous mezuzahs in history and will be a major attraction to visitors. It is shown being attached to the doorway by the man who carried it in space, astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman. It orbited the earth with him in an April 1985 flight of space shuttle Discovery. Science Minister Shimon Shetret makes sure it is attached properly.

Slovaks do not cotton to Jews

NEW YORK — Sixty-three percent of Slovaks polled by an organization for the American Jewish Committee believe that "Jews are mainly concerned about themselves — their money and their profit." In addition, 29 percent see "excessive influence of Jews

in economic and political life" as one of the "dangers that lie ahead for Slovakia."

When asked whether they would like to have members of various groups as neighbors, 27 percent said "I definitely wouldn't like" to have Jewish neighbors.

Territory Jews go fundraising

NEW YORK — Since no UJA funds may be allocated to Jewish needs in the West Bank, a new group — Friends of the Israel Community Development Foundation for the Communities of Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights — are holding a Founding Dinner at the Grand Hyatt Hotel Sunday, April, 25. Guest speaker with be Gen. Arik Sharon and guest of honor will be Chaim Yehekel.

Israel aides Lebanese farmers

TIBERIAS — A group of 30 Lebanese farmers took part in an agricultural training course here, combining theory and practical demonstrations of modern techniques. South Lebanese Army commander Gen Antoine Lahad said the farmers are still using antiquated methods learned from their fathers. He urged them to take advantage of Israeli knowhow, explaining that Israel is one of the world leaders in agriculture.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau will meet with Pope John Paul II later this year.

More than 7 million Jews in Poland today

WARSAW — Twenty-five percent of Poles believe that there are between 3.8 and 7.2 million Jews in Poland, although actually they constitute less than one percent of the population. These views were registered in a poll conducted by the influential liberal Warsaw daily, *Gazeta Wyborcza*.

Other findings were that one in three Poles between the ages of 15 and 69 is convinced that Jews have too much influence on the cultural life of the country, plus that

four out of 10 believe that Jews have too much say in Polish economic and political affairs.

On the eve of the Holocaust there were 3.5 million Jews in Poland, while today there are some 1500 members of the official Jewish religious community, the vast majority aged 70 and over. Another 3000 are members of the Jewish cultural society. At one time Jews in Poland represented 10 percent of the population.

Pollard leaving toughest prison

MARION, IL. — The maximum-security prison here will be losing its most famous prisoner, at least from the Jewish standpoint, as Jonathan Pollard is being transferred to the medium-security Bettner Prison in North Carolina. The reason given by officials for the transfer is the closing of Marion's top security wing which has housed the U.S.'s seven most closely guarded criminals.

On a scale of six by which prisons are rated, Bettner is classified as a three, allowing inmates to receive visitors often and enjoy liberal mail and phone privileges.

Bowling in Israel now very popular

RISHON LEZION — How popular bowling has become in Israel, where there are now 15 bowling centers throughout the country, was shown as tenpin bowlers from 21 countries participated in the 15th European Singles Cup at the new million-dollar Super-bowl here. The first bowling center was opened in Haifa in 1961 and the Israel Bowling Federation was formed in 1966. Israel has a 12-team national league and a 12-team second division.



STELLAR FUNDRAISER — It is most unlikely that President Clinton would ever address a United Jewish Appeal fundraising affair, but in London, Prime Minister John Major was the attraction at a fundraising dinner for the Board of Deputies of British Jewry, shown with his yarmulke.

Pesach hospitality a half-truth

By JUDY CARR

Pesach is the bloodiest, rottenest, loneliest time of the year for at least half the Israeli population. No one wants you at the Seder table if you are single, divorced, widowed or just plain on your own for one reason or another. How many people does that leave? How many are happily married, all together and having a happy family at the Seder? The number of these happy ones is growing fewer as the years go by.

"But this is Israel," you say. "Surely everyone invites guests and every home is open."

If all this Jewish hospitality is not a myth, it certainly does April 21, 1993 Page National 4

not exist in Israel and is entirely absent at Pesach. If you are on your own, your neighbors do not want to know you at this family festival. Widows and divorcees do what they can for their children, but it is a miserable time for them.

"I will be on my own with a cup of lemon tea," said a bachelor.

Is the whole picture bleak? Not exactly, there is a busy network organizing invitations for new immigrants. Immigrant associations, the Ministry of Absorption and the Jewish Agency race around to organize and families contact them. "Have you a new immigrant that I can in-

vite to the Seder?"

Once a woman who had been in Israel several years went to the Ministry of Absorption with tears in her eyes, begging for an invitation to any Seder. She would do anything, help, contribute, she said, if only she could go to a Seder.

She was looked at coldly. "We only arrange invitations for new immigrants," she was told. As she left the room the telephone rang. It was a family wanting to invite Russian immigrants. "Yes," said the official. "We have a Russian couple for you." The woman went out sobbing.

You see, if a family invite

Arens' son joins Arabs in suit against the ADL

SAN FRANCISCO — Eighteen Arab Americans, plus Yigal Arens, son of former Israel Defense Minister Moshe Arens, have filed suit against the Anti-Defamation League charging that it invaded their privacy by illegally gathering information about them through a nationwide spy network.

The suit claims that the ADL intended to use the data to discredit them because of their political views. The class-action suit was filed in San Francisco Superior Court.

Carol El-Shaieb told the Associated Press that "None of us has been guilty of racism or Nazism or anti-Semitism or hate crimes, or any of the other 'isms' that the ADL claims to protest against. None of us is violent or criminal in any way."

The younger Arens, who is a research scientist at the University of Southern California, said the ADL kept a file on him in the 1980s, presumably because he has criticized Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

The ADL said it couldn't comment on the lawsuit until it has seen the text, but did deny any wrongdoing.

Police and prosecutors have been investigating allegations that the ADL spied on hundreds of individuals and groups, including white supremacists, anti-Semitic organizations, the NAACP, etc., and also station WQED.

Revised JTA Roth article unacceptable, says JTS

NEW YORK — The revised version of the resignation of Rabbi Joel Roth article by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was denounced as unacceptable by Rabbi Shammai Engelmayer, director of communications of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

"While some of my statements were included in the 'revised' JTA article, albeit in somewhat twisted fashion, there were other important statements left out that needed to be included," Rabbi Engelmayer said this week.

"Rabbi Roth has been at the Seminary since 1968 and has been in contact with several hundred students during that time, yet only one allegation of impropriety was ever made. Similarly, he has been associated with Camps Ramah for many years (he was feted by them 10 days ago) with no impropriety ever alleged. Clearly, Rabbi Roth has been made the victim for a malicious character assassination more for what he represents than anything he has ever done."

Rabbi Roth has been a leading opponent of the Conservative Movement taking a more liberalized approach to matters of sexuality. He recently led a campaign in the movement's Committee on Law and Jewish Standards to prohibit the ordination of gay and lesbian rabbis.

Israel defended by Loftus in Contragate and Liberty

OMAHA — If author John Loftus' facts as reported in The Jewish Press here are accurate, the U.S. made Israel the goat in two significant anti-Israel incidents, one the sinking of the U.S.S. Liberty and the other Contragate.

In the Liberty attack which caused a number of losses of lives of American sailors, Loftus asserted that the ship was sending battle intelligence to the British who in turn were transmitting the data to the Egyptians. He added that the U.S. reimbursed Israel for the compensation paid to the families of those who died in the straining of the Liberty.

In Contragate, he said Israel had not participated at all. The truth, he claimed, was that Oliver North and former President Bush had arranged to buy guns for the Contras, not from Israel but from the PLO.

Loftus made his charges in a speech to the Federation Campaign's Women's Division.

immigrants, it salves their consciences. They can feel they have fulfilled a mitzvah, done good. Perhaps their name will get into the local paper. It stops them thinking about the old aunt they left on her own or that tiresome Yid-

dish-speaking grandmother who can go to the welfare Seder. As for that young divorcee next door. Well, they have given her their cast-off clothes, haven't they? Why should they be expected to do

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Father Paul Reinert, S.J.

By ALFRED FLEISHMAN

This is the season, the part of the year when every one of us should be paying more attention to who we are and our relationships to other people if



this great nation of ours is to survive.

There has never been a person in all of our years in St. Louis that could tell us in the fewest words what we should know about the future of the world around us.

Namely, that if we are going to make it we had better understand that there are others, and we had better make it together.

I am referring to one of the outstanding Catholic leaders in St. Louis and what he had to say very recently.

He is Father Paul Reinert, S.J., former head of St. Louis University. He had been head of that university longer than any other Catholic in all of its local history. There were reasons for his long term.

He has had a lot to do with putting that university on the map as one of the most important community assets in all respects.

In the Jewish Community Rev. Reinert was as well-known as any leader. And every Jewish group or leader knew, had heard from or worked with this man, Father Reinert.

Years ago in St. Louis when Dr. Gustav Klausner (with his delightful heavy Jewish accent) was alive, he was head of the mathematics department of St. Louis University. He was also president of the Zionist Organization of St. Louis as well as head of the Jewish National Fund for years.

As I recall it also, that Catholic university here had no "numerous clauses" plan for keeping Jewish students out of its medical school. That's the kind of rare school it was!

Father Reinert's most recent public comment came at the annual meeting of the St. Louis Symphony Society.

The Board asked him to

make the principal address. And that he did!

He didn't talk much about music. He left that to the greatest of music experts, Leonard Slatkin, our maestro.

But what Paul Reinert said was of great interest to every one of those present.

As he ended, he reminded all of those top-level music lovers that a most important ingredient for community growth is something we Americans may be learning all too slowly. But learn it we must!

Namely that we must incorporate "all of the members of our American culture into every level of our society."

No longer can we ignore the "indispensable contributions both historically and at present, now, on the part of women, the early Indians, Black Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Orientals, etc."

We can never rest on the "oars of complacency" and we should never hope to be a true "melting pot where citizens are expected to become Americans by divesting themselves of their cultural diversity."

He added, "... if we really want our communities to flourish and to be perpetuated, more of us Americans must more consistently live out in our lives the basic teaching of every enduring religion — Christian, Jewish, Muslim,

namely that, until we see our Maker face to face, we must love Him in every man and woman since he dwells in them just as truly as he dwells in us."

Our common life as "citizens must be inclusive of and open to all the elements of our community."

That was a powerful reminder for us, and "that can be achieved only by valuing the 'diversity' of our people and their cultures."

While he told it to a symphony meeting, it should be told to every meeting, every community gathering, among every racial group, every church and every synagogue, in every school, in every college. Everywhere.

We need to have respect for all of our fellow human beings. We need to understand that the color of their skin, their religious beliefs, their cultural backgrounds, must not only be understood, but also fully respected.

People who are different than us (and that now includes millions) must be respected for what they are.

We have seldom heard a better message at a better time of the year, from a greater human being... with meaning to all of us.

That's why I am including it in a column of the *National Jewish Post and Opinion*.

Quotation of the week

Moses may have had God's phone number when he went up to Mt. Sinai but, for many of us, the God of Sinai has not called back in a long time. The modern spiritual condition is akin to not having a phone number for an unlisted party who, you suspect, moved a long time ago and forgot to leave a forwarding address. It is intellectually and spiritually frustrating. We would like to "receive Torah." But unlike 30-plus centuries ago, God no longer seems to be in the telemarketing business.

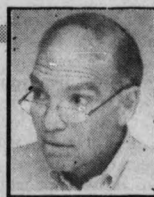
Resolving the problem of Torah, making the theological slopes of Sinai less slippery and reattaching ourselves to the teachings of Moses and Miriam is the central religious task of Reform Judaism today. Ultimately, without a viable concept of Torah, there can be no Judaism. We have programs and organizations and all the trappings of institutional religion but without Torah, without a core set of teachings, without a sense of connection to whatever is above and imperishable, there can be no Jewish life for the long run.

The possibility of Torah, the reconquest of the spiritual heights of Sinai, the reestablishment of a connection to the divine, must be the top priority of our movement. Without a sense of holiness, without a feeling of transcendence, and higher purpose, liberal Judaism cannot endure. I believe we can find the path back up the mountain, the road out of the desert and the way to the Promised Land of religious convictions and life-organizing beliefs. I believe that if we look together we can find our way back to the Sinai of the spirit. —Rabbi Lance J. Sussman, Temple Concord, Binghamton, NY.

Never again — I doubt it

By JIM SHIPLEY

This month, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will open its doors. It is a \$90 million project, financed 100 percent by private



donations. It is amazing that a Jewish project of such enormity has been brought to fruition with such a minimum of discord.

Holocaust in and of itself has always been beyond the comprehension of most people, Jews and non-Jews alike. So far beyond, that for a long time it was feared that it would be pushed to the edges of history and eventually out of contemporary memory.

The creation of a single building does not ensure that the memory will be preserved or the lesson learned. All the studies, books, scholars, local efforts and on-going dialogue does not ensure that. Only mankind. All of mankind. And the odds are against that.

Horrific acts by man against his fellow man are the history of this earth. The Holocaust in and of itself was yet another. It had certain things which set it apart. No, not that a government had set out as a policy to eliminate a people completely. That had been tried before.

Even the complicity of thousands, disgusting and unbelievable as it may be, is not a historical first. What sets Holocaust apart is the "when," not the "where." Central and Eastern Europe were no newcomers to Jew slaughter when Adolph Hitler took command. The "how" was a matter of modern technology. The Nazis and their friends had the advantage of better logistics, transportation and communications.

And those same things were their undoing. The communications of the late forties allowed films to be sent worldwide — albeit after the fact — so that the world could see, recoil and ponder. Also, the war itself. Thousands of American, British and Russian troops became witness as

they liberated camp after camp. Their stories have never been fully exploited, but they exist.

When the building opens, it will tell its story, I have no doubt, effectively. Perhaps more effectively than a visit to what is left of Dachau or Auschwitz. For there is little left at either place to show and tell and teach. There is Yad Vashem, there is the new Tolerance Museum in Los Angeles, there are local Holocaust centers, but this one is designed for all people, for all time, in the center of government for the most powerful nation on earth.

I wonder if somewhere within its walls there will be the story of how little was done to limit the killing, the pure genocide being committed. How little was done by these United States of America. How much was done right up the street from the museum, on Capitol Hill, to almost ensure the death of thousands who might have been saved.

Yes, there are many lessons to be learned. As the years go by, the lessons may well change. New horrors, new forms of death can become the basis for slogans of a new Holocaust. Therefore, it becomes very important to define. The "when" of modern injustice means that there is now instantaneous communication. CNN assures every home of being on the cutting edge of atrocities.

And herein is another danger. The comparison of modern-day Bosnia to Holocaust is too easy, too facile a jump. Holocaust sprang from ancient animosity, to be sure. But that animosity was one-sided. The hatred of the Jew, sanctioned for centuries by gov-

ernment and church, was the tinder from which the blaze sprang. Modern day Bosnia is a replay. These are the Balkans. They have been killing each other for a thousand years. During World War II, Croats acting as surrogates for the Nazis killed thousands of Serbs, Jews and Gypsies. The Orthodox Catholic Serbs have an anti-Semitic history right up there with the worst of them. There are few good guys on either side.

The lessons of Holocaust

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When 'Homefront' redeems itself

By RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

I had been worried about *Homefront*. It hadn't been on for a while. Was the ABC series on hiatus? Had it been taken off the air? I missed its



characters, its intelligence, its humor. I still had a lot of problems with its depiction of its two Jewish characters, Al Kahn, the union organizer, and Gina the Italian Holocaust survivor. Their relationships, responses and outlook did not seem true to mainstream Jewish life in the late 1940's, a period so vividly recreated in the series, and even as "exceptions" their lack of connectedness to the State of Israel or to any Jewish community and their use in the program as shakers and breakers of local mores in a small Ohio town was troubling, to say the least. But I never wanted to see *Homefront* go off the air. I wanted to see the Jewish characters being given the dimension and the self-searching that some of the other characters, especially the fine African-American characters, were pictured with.

Homefront has, thankfully, been back for about a month now. And there are changes in the Jewish characters. A recent episode offered what is perhaps the best treatment of McCarthyism in a regular TV drama. It revolved around Al Kahn, who was accused of being a communist by the Sloan family, owners of the factory where he had imposed unionism, in an effort by that family to smokescreen wrongdoing in a housing development deal.

Right away Al is called a "Commie Jew." But he refuses to respond, to dignify the accusation, even at a union meeting. We hear workers speculating at the factory: "He's Jewish." "And an atheist, so I hear." "And he's from New York." "New Jersey." "Same thing, only worse. The union there's full of Reds." The local newspaper forgoes all standards in publishing that Al's ex-wife is a commu-

nist, though his new wife is a very respectable local Roman Catholic matriarch whose daughter is a star reporter on the paper.

In the past, Al has been a stereotype, the very embodiment of the "atheist Jew" type of which his own workers now speak. But for one episode, at least, Al was looking to his roots, giving his wife an anniversary gift of three gold buttons, the remainder of Al's family legacy of seven gold coins that his grandmother converted to buttons during her immigration ordeal. Al describes why four buttons did not survive immigration. But one ethnic group's immigration stories are like

the episode of *Homefront* shown before Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) 1993. The episode, called "The Lacemakers" and written by producer Bernard Lechowick, deals with Gina's flashbacks to the Holocaust and is the most moving and knowing depiction of the emotional scars of a Holocaust survivor that I have ever seen on television — or in film, for that matter.

Gina, a refugee and a war widow, is finding work as a seamstress and is managing to support her baby daughter. Yet the prospect of doing lace work leaves her immobilized and withdrawn. Her boyfriend, Charlie Haley, a local

pened to you. What happened to your people shouldn't happen to anyone." He tells her that he admires her for just being able to carry on after all she's been through. "It's up to us to guarantee that things will get better, if not easier,"

he says. "As far as I can tell that's why we're here." And he adds: "If people like you don't get up, things won't get better."

The traumatic memories associated with lace-making
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YOUR NAME

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Detective work and Jewish names

Moshe Bahat (206 East Mountain Road South/Cold Springs, NY 10516) writes that he has reason to suspect that a letter which he received from a "Ben Zion Cassouto" of Teaneck, NJ, contains a contrived name. He is probably right.

Ben-tsiyon is a Yiddish male given name. Hence it is borne by Ashkenazim. As far as I can tell, to the extent that *ben-tsiyon* is used as a male given name in Hebrew, it is borne solely by Ashkenazim. To that extent, the Hebrew name is derived from the Yiddish one.

Cassuto is a family name found among Italian Jews. I do not know its origin, but am certain that it is not of Ashkenazic origin. Many Italian Jews, however, are of full or partial Ashkenazic ancestry.

So far, then, we conclude that "Ben Zion Cassouto" would have to be of at least partial Italian Jewish origin (as the family name *Cassouto* shows); he would have to be of partial Ashkenazic origin (as the given name *Ben Zion* shows); but he could not be of Ashkenazic origin in his male line (as *Cassouto* shows). That, however, is not all.

The normal Latin-letter spelling of the family name in question is *Cassuto*, in which the *u* stands for /u/. Representation of /u/ by *ou* is a French spelling convention. We would therefore have to assume that somewhere along "Ben Zion Cassouto's" male line his family was living in some French-speaking country or, if not, was influenced by French.

Until around 1830 or 1840, Italian was the most prestigious European language in the Ottoman Empire. After around 1830 or 1840, it gave way to French as the most prestigious European language. Additionally, French acquired prestige among many Jews of the Ottoman Empire after the Alliance Israélite Universelle opened schools in that country (French being the medium of instruction and the chief subject of instruction in these schools). In deciding how to write their names in the Roman alphabet, many Jews in the Ottoman Empire therefore followed French spelling conventions.

Many Italian Jews settled in the Ottoman Empire. Because of the prestige of French (as outlined above), they, like other Jews

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another's. And the impression given is that while Al is no communist and fights for the very Constitution of which Federal authorities are making a mockery, Communism and atheism are basic to his background, even for the most noble reasons.

Even that courageous grandmother is not linked to any spiritual legacy. Will Al become an icon to a type of Jew who, when all is said and done, is a validation of the stereotypes that the writers are trying to make light of?

If there are some changes in the depiction of Al, there are major strides in the development of Gina's character. I had protested that the writers were not sure whether to make her an Italian heroine or a Jewish one. It seems that the writers have made a decision on that question. I write this review a few days after seeing

union leader, characterizes her behavior as similar to the "battle fatigue" he has seen in war buddies. Describing her symptoms to a physician, Charlie recalls asking Gina how she can go through life without killing Nazis as revenge, and admirably cites her answer that she gets revenge by being happy and by raising her daughter to be happy. Obviously, however, Gina is having a problem getting her revenge; and, though the drama does not raise the question, one wonders whether the vision and hope to endure must be rooted in something beyond spite, even the most justified spite.

Gina is close to Abe and Gloria Davis, who are the driver and housekeeper for the Sloan family, her parents-in-law. Abe tells Gina, noting her refusal even to leave the house: "I know what hap-



Israel is declared a state in 1948 — David Ben Gurion addressing the session of the Knesset at which Israel was declared a state.

(Fifth Iyar 5753, 26 April 1993)

My friends,

A young state, reborn out of the ancient past, cannot view the anniversary of its establishment as simply a pleasant, patriotic holiday. For 45-year-old Israel and all devoted to it, Yom Ha-Atzmaut — Independence Day — is once again a reminder of the tremendous difficulties that have had to be overcome and of the marked growth and achievement despite those difficulties.

That is the rhythm of the present moment, too. On the one hand, Israel is profoundly distressed by violence and terrorism in Judea and Samaria, in the Gaza Strip — and even within Israel itself. On the other hand, in a momentous development, Israel is for the first time engaged in direct bilateral negotiations toward the achievement of peace with the Syrians, Lebanese, Jordanians and Palestinians. Who would have dreamt that we would be participating in five multilateral committees on water resources, ecology, refugees, arms control and economic development in which all the Arab countries, with the exception of Syria and Lebanon, participate?

We know that the peace process cannot be simple or rapid, but the fact that it is taking place represents a major change in our history and a vindication of our strength over the years.

There has been significant change in our foreign relations, as well. It is no longer true that the bulk of the human race has no official links with us. I have been privileged to visit China on a state visit and to receive ambassadors from India and China, as well as the Ukraine and other countries which had not been friendly to Israel. I have in recent months taken leave of Israeli ambassadors accredited to Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, India and Egypt.

The extraordinary changes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe have special relevance for Israel. The whole Communist world had been aligned against us, we were under constant attack in the U.N., and, apart from relations with Egypt, we were ostracized



President Carter, President Sadat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin as the Camp David Accords were signed, bringing peace to Israel and Egypt.

in the Middle East. The Jewish world pressed for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, but to no avail. With the collapse of the Communist dictatorship, the gates were opened and we received the incalculable gift of some 450,000 immigrants, particularly from the former Soviet Union. With the aid of the Diaspora, Israel has been fulfilling its function as the homeland and haven of refuge of the Jewish people. This has extended, too, to the Jews of Ethiopia brought here in an heroic and unforgettable airlift, and now to the small community in Albania and increasing numbers from Sarajevo and other parts of strife-torn Yugoslavia. We have even received some dozens of Moslem refugees from Bosnia and have been happy to give them respite from horror.

To absorb so many immigrants adequately in the course of a few years cannot be a simple matter. The process is not always what we, and particularly the most highly specialized among the newcomers, would desire. Yet much has been done, and one hopes that the more limited, but considerable immigration of this year has profited by the experiences of their predecessors. I was heartened to see in recently published statistics that of the immigrants who came in 1989, 90 percent have found employment. That is the national average of employment and unemployment. It bodes well for the more recently arrived.

At the same time, Israel's economy is clearly improving, with all this implies for the success of absorption. Over the past few years the country has maintained a 6-7 percent annual rate of economic growth, one of the highest rates in the Western World. In 1992 inflation was kept down to a single digit and exports were up by 11

President Independence to American



Every young American should visit Israel — U.S. college students participate in the "Inside Israel" program of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.



Israel, the breadbasket of Europe — A land without a tree and barren was transformed into lush farmland with some crops twice and more a year.



The concentration camps are emptied — This photo is of the ship, Exodus, being greeted in Israel as she finally was permitted to dock.

percent, with Israeli businesses active in countries not dreamt of before. It is most significant that Israel continues to receive impressive aid from the United States, in addition to a Free Trade Zone agreement. Furthermore our relationship with the European Community is expanding.

There is much to be grateful for in these trends, but Israel shares a major problem with much of the world. It is the problem of Islamic Fundamentalism, which in our case leads to vicious terrorist attacks within our borders. This Iranian-backed fanatical movement endangers not only the Middle Eastern countries but constitutes the greatest single danger to the free world today. The explosion at New York City's World Trade Center makes the point all too clear. Religious fanaticism and abysmal hatred are linked here to efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction. In the Middle East, Egypt and Algeria, badly threatened, are fighting back against groups and individuals affiliated with Islamic Fundamentalism. So, too, is Israel. The free world cannot and must not remain inactive.

Israel's prime concern remains the future of the Jewish people. The inroads of assimilation are frightening and actually threaten the continuity of our history. By the beginning of the next century Israel, it seems quite clear, will be the largest Jewish community in the world. The losses elsewhere would be grievous, grievous in themselves and for Israel. If we are to stem the tide of assimilation, increase the Jewish awareness of our people, strengthen the links between the Jewish communities abroad and the Jewish communities in Israel, we must invest in creating education which can meet the challenges of today. Our future depends on this.

Herzog's Day Message the Community

Every Israeli serves in the Israel Army — This contingent of young Israeli women are shown training with their rifles on the range.



It should be a central aim of the Jewish people to ensure that every young Jew or Jewess should visit Israel at least once before going to university. Surveys have shown the impressive commitment to Israel and to the Jewish people which is the result of such programs. This has to be subsidized in a major effort, and I believe that our community, both abroad and in Israel, can and must afford it. It should be a matter of honor for young Jews to learn to speak their language — Hebrew. Above all, we must ensure Jewish continuity, and Jewish continuity depends on Jewish education.

It is with this sense of urgency that I, in conclusion, strike a personal note. This is my tenth and last Independence Day message, written as I prepare to retire from office. My decade in the Presidency has been a wonderful experience, and I am grateful for the contacts it has enabled me to have with Diaspora communities. I made it a point to visit as many of them as possible and to establish a meaningful rapport with them. I shall remember warmly both the large and small among them, and as I take my leave I do so with the feeling that a close relationship has been cemented between the Presidency of Israel and the diaspora.

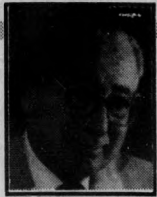
It has been impossible to visit communities abroad without, in many cases, making a pilgrimage to sites of agony and extermination: to Bergen Belsen, Auschwitz, Terezienstadt, Westerbork. In each I place a rock hewn from the Hills of Jerusalem, on which are inscribed the words of the Psalmist — "my pain is before me forever." Before us forever is also the hope to continue effectively to reknit the torn fabric of our history. With continued aliya and creativity in Israel at the center of Jewish life, with determination and devotion in the Diaspora, Yom Ha-Atzmaut will become the symbol of the oneness of the Jewish people and the unbreakable links between the past and the future.

To each and every one of you, on this forty-fifth Yom Ha-Atzmaut, a happy holiday, "Hag Sameach."

Now they are concerned

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Miriam Kressin, Seymour Rechtzeit and Zalman Mlotek are perplexed. The famous Yiddish actors and entertainers went to Berlin last Febru-



ary to take part in a gala celebration of Yiddish sponsored by the city. From February to April the area was festooned with exhibits of Yiddish literature, displays of Yiddish art, programs with Jewish content. The above-named trio wondered whether they could stomach the idea of going to the land which sought to uproot their people.

But they went, and Ms. Kressin entertained on the very stage on which she appeared just before she managed to escape the Nazis in 1939. They performed, and their appearances were highly successful; they received tumultuous ovations after the recitations, dramatizations and musical offerings.

Now Ms. Kressin, in an article in the *Forward*, registers mixed feelings. Why? Because they were told that 70 percent of the audiences who heard them were gentile; only 30 percent Jewish. When they inquired about the absence of the Jews they were told that the German Jews don't understand Yiddish. And do the gentiles who applauded so fervently understand mame lashon? asks Ms. Kressin. They were concerned before their visit, and now, after it they are still concerned.

Rabbi and son

Rabbi Joseph Burg, the venerable Orthodox leader who for years was part of the Israeli government, talks regularly to his son, Abraham, but he won't talk about his son. Abraham Burg, as part of the Rabin government, is one of the officials in the Department of Education. He has enraged many Israelis by some of his statements, one of which is an accusation that some Israelis are so prejudiced

against the Arabs that they would like to see them expelled altogether from Israel.

The older Burg has other problems. He deplores the liberalism of his son's party. He regrets moves toward the legalization of prostitution in Israel. In a series of talks recently in the United States, some under the auspices of Mizrahi, he urged listeners to give their children a good education. He praised Benjamin Netanyahu, of Likud, and he turned down requests by reporters to discuss his son, Abraham. Before coming to the U.S., Dr. Burg visited Germany where in several talks he rebuked the government for failing to crack down hard enough on the proto-Nazis who are now infesting the country. (Gershon Jacobson, in the *Algemeiner Journal*).

Cry for help

A pathetic plea for money is printed in an issue of *The Yiddish Forward*. The plea is made by 50 Jews of the city once called Vilna who tell readers that they were underground fighters against the Nazis. True, their pension has been increased, but it amounts to only \$10 or \$12 a month. Remittances may be made to Josif Gavenda, 25 Balio Strugos, Kaunas, Lithuania 3028.

His sin

The Rabin government doesn't have a full-time Minister of Religions. The Minister of Tourism, Uzi Bar-Am does religion on the side. Recently he created a stir by accepting an invitation to address a convention of the Reform synagogues of Israel. The Reform are eager already to be granted the right to solemnize weddings. But Bar-Am said he couldn't yet authorize that. So he was criticized by the liberals. But he was even more harshly criticized by the Orthodox for even coming close to a Reform gathering. He did tell the devout that though his talk was on shabbat he didn't ride; it was close enough that he could walk to the meeting. (*The Forward*).

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The two San Diego rabbis

By YAACOV LURIA

You read it here; the story of the two rabbis whose misconduct became public and landed them in deep distress.

For my first four years in



San Diego, from 1987 to 1991, their synagogue, Congregation Beth Israel, was my neighborhood shul. Since my background is Orthodox, I love Traditional Judaism. At first, services at Beth Israel, which is Reform, didn't grab me. I missed the old prayers and psalms, the chanting from the Torah, the fervor.

The two rabbis, Michael Sternfeld and Laurie Coskey, welcomed me graciously. He was scholarly and dignified, she was spontaneous and made calls for acts of compassion and caring her special province. It seemed a happy joining of talents and interests. Before long my reservations melted. Through feeling comfortable in the synagogue, I found myself more at home in the city. I was no longer a stranger in a strange land.

The story broke just before Passover. In preparing for the holiday, our homes must be cleansed of even the smallest particle of *chometz*.

In a symbolic sense, Passover bids us to free ourselves from all varieties of *chometz*, including prejudice and self-righteousness, which tyrannize over our minds and emotions. The Passover season seems to me the proper time to shake ourselves free from any urge to judge the two rabbis. Worse than the loss of their pulpits has been their loss of standing in the community. They have paid in full measure for their mistakes.

Some may say, "But suppose their affair hadn't come to light? Wouldn't they still be living on easy street?" Not at all. There is no more merciless judge than the conscience of principled people; and I believe firmly that the two rabbis are that. They knew that people expect rabbis to be beyond even the suspicion of impropriety. Surely they were

troubled all along.

Our religion recognizes that everyone of us teeters tenuously between *yetzer hara*, the evil impulse, and the *yetzer tov*, the impulse to good—and to God. To sin, no matter how grievously, is not to be lost. Over and over, both Scripture and the Talmud remind us of the greatness of repentance and the certainty of forgiveness.

Yes, the possibility that even priests can be wayward is foreseen in Scripture. The fourth chapter of Leviticus sacrificial offerings to be made by a priest "who sins and brings guilt on the people." With atonement comes forgiveness.

The prophet Hosea welcomes the return to his hearth of his adulterous wife. He does this in imitation of God, who is patient and long-suffering with his chosen people, who also have strayed. The Talmud reminds us, "In the space where a penitent stands a person of perfect saintliness may not enter... Great is repentance, for it brings healing to the world."

Paradoxically, the ordeal of our two rabbis may have an unforeseen positive outcome. An entire library full of ser-

mons could not be as powerful an advocate for unswerving observance of the Seventh Commandment.

Sin, misfortune and suffering can destroy, but they sometimes drive human beings to transcend limitations. Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote fiction that came from a profound understanding of human imperfection. In *The Scarlet Letter* he explores the contrary effects of a sin on two people. Hester Prynne, a young Puritan woman, has committed adultery with a minister, Arthur Dimmesdale. Her sin having been confessed, she is inspired to witness her repentance through acts of kindness, *g'milat chesed*. Dimmesdale harbors his guilt in secret, sinks under its weight, and dies.

We look to rabbis as models, but they are still creatures of flesh and blood. We owe them the same compassion we give other repentant sinners. I hope that they will have the strength to rebuild their lives and vocations. It is a difficult challenge. May they rise to it.

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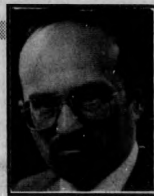
YOUR TORAH

Sedra Tzria — Mezora

By RABBI REUVEN BULKA

It is a well-known fact of Jewish life that circumcision takes place when the child is eight days old.

But why should the



circumcision take place when the child is in its eighth day? Is there anything magical about the eighth day?

This question occupied the attention of the Sages of the Talmud (Nidah, 31b). There the question is asked in blunt terms — why did the Torah say that the circumcision

should take place on the eighth day? The answer given is certainly not an expected response. In the words of the Talmud, it is so that we do not experience the disparity of everyone assembled for the circumcision being happy, but the parents of the child being unhappy.

Immediately, one wonders why the parents would be unhappy, and everyone else is happy. The unhappiness referred to here is something altogether removed from our normal parameters of thought. In the verse just prior to the one dealing with the time for the circumcision (Leviticus, 12:2), the Torah states that after childbirth, a woman must distance herself from her husband for seven days. On the eighth day the

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ISRAEL: AS I SEE IT

Nothing like it anywhere else

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

The Torah instructs us "You shall be happy with your Holidays" and adds "You shall be exclusively joyous." Israelis observed these direc-



tions to the letter. Millions enjoyed sedarim, prayed in packed synagogues, made "aliyah to Jerusalem" and to the Kotel, enjoyed visits to the 69 national parks and the many special events provided by the municipalities, the museums and the Ministry of Tourism. And in past years Israelis took to the roads on the intermediate days in all directions. Amazingly, with 1.2 million vehicles on the highways and byways traffic proceeded rapidly, and only six accidents occurred during the week-long Holiday.

Moreover, the new instructions to the army, police and border guards to act quickly and forcefully combined with intensive house-to-house searches put a sudden stop to the terror that had swamped Israel during the previous month. A closing of the borders of both Gaza and Judea and Samaria made it possible for the police to launch sudden surprise attacks upon known terrorists. Some 50 murderers were captured and the rest went into hiding. There were no terror incidents whatsoever during the Pesach Holiday.

The closure has continued with selective workers in agriculture and construction permitted entry. In the security zone in southern Lebanon the state of war continued with the South Lebanese Army together with Israel's Army battling the Hizbollah and Fatah terrorists.

Tempering somewhat the Pesach joy were a few sad reminders. One was a row of 169 empty chairs with the names of those Jews killed by terrorists at a Seder table around the corner of Prime Minister Rabin's residence on Balfour Street in Jerusalem — with a large poster recalling the dead and the large number

of wounded by terrorists and demanding from the Prime Minister drastic action. Another was the reminder of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and the Holocaust slaughter of our people.

Huge crowds in family groups journeyed up to Jerusalem for the special Cohanim service at the Kotel. They attended the reception of Chief Rabbis Israel Lau and Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron in a huge tent at the Kotel plaza. Many then toured the Old City in walking tours provided by the city and by Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva. Many more watched the traditional march of some 15,000 participants. Others participated in

zations were filled to capacity, including Gush Katif, south of Gaza.

A record tourism of both Jews coming for Pesach and Christians arriving for Easter despite earlier terror acts gave Israelis a much needed lift in spirits. Together with our family, we enjoyed a visit to the Old City, a festival at Beit Gubrin, a morning at the Carmel Wineries in Rishon LeZion, a day in Beersheva with Russians and an Israeli version of a rodeo in the beautiful Eshkol Park at Ofakim in the Negev.

Concluding the Holiday of Pesach was the annual Maimuna celebration, originally by Moroccan Jews but of late by many Jews joining

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special functions, including a sumptuous dinner at the Hilton hosted by Cyril Stein and attended by both the Prime Minister and by Chief Rabbi Lau, with the Mevasseret Zion Educational Center as beneficiary. Thousands were at the annual arts and crafts show at the Binyanei Haumah. Hotels and other facilities of organi-

them throughout Israel. Opening the celebration in Maale Adumim were President Herzog, Prime Minister Rabin and the two Chief Rabbis. The emphasis is upon friendship and hospitality.

World Jewry suffered two severe irreplaceable losses in the passing of the great scholar, Rabbi Yoshe Ber So-

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are unique. And complicated enough to turn aside the casual viewer. When the building opens, it may give all of us a new insight. But how many of us will come to a new realiza-

tion of how easily this can happen? Never again? I doubt it. All the best buildings in the world notwithstanding.

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POSTMARK ISRAEL

Anti-Zionist yeshivas

The 45th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel is not far off. Israel observes the Hebrew date, the 5th of the month of Iyar, which this year falls on April 26, while Diaspora Jewry usually marks the date on the civil calendar, May 14.

In Israel, the preceding day, April 25, is observed as Memorial Day, honoring the memory of all who fell in the various battles and wars in defense of Israel.

Both days are widely observed here with appropriate ceremonies — but recognition of the two days is not universal. Large segments of the haredi, the ultra-Orthodox community, make it a point to ignore both the memorial and the Independence Day festivities as their way of expressing opposition to the State of Israel. Haredi violation of the spirit of both days has become increasingly public in recent years.

Oddly, several large haredi yeshivas, which carry on extension programs in the U.S. and approach American Jews for contributions, fail to inform their donors of their anti-Zionist stand. Israel Independence Day provides opportunity to put the representatives of these yeshivas to the test. The following may be used as direct test questions.

1. Does your yeshiva in Israel fly the Israel flag on Independence Day?
2. On that day, do your religious services include special prayers for the welfare of the State of Israel?
3. When the siren sounds on Memorial Day, do your people stand quietly in moment of respectful silence in memory of the country's soldier heroes, as do most Israelis?
4. What percentage of the students in your yeshiva serve in the Israel armed forces in defense of the country?

Answers to these questions should be clear and unequivocal, and should give American Jews a better understanding of who their contributions are supporting. —C.A.

loveitchik, and the outstanding leader and philanthropist Ludwig Jesselson during the Holiday. May their memory

be a blessing upon Israel.
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SOCIAL CALENDAR

By Jean Herschaft

We spent a third seder with almost 300 senior citizens as the guests of the Gloria and Sidney Danziger Foundation and its president, Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman, who had underwritten the event.

The Fashion Institute of Technology's mammoth hall was the cheerful scene. The guests were from Penn South, a middle income co-op in Manhattan nearby to FIT. It is a 30-year-old residential complex whose population has aged with its buildings. More than 75 percent of its 6200 residents are over 65 years of age. UJA-Federation responded to the needs of the group by establishing a full range of social and health-related services as well as special events. When this third seder needed an angel for funding, Rabbi Kreitman saw it as a project that fulfilled the Gloria and Sidney Danziger directive of aid to seniors. (Later its service to Israeli children.)

The third seder provided an opportunity for many seniors... a number came in wheelchairs; others with assistance and most with enthusiastic anticipation for the family type seder. For many this took enhanced meaning since they no longer have family to share this occasion with and/or they are too frail to travel to be with family.

Seating at 40 tables was on a first-come basis. There were shelled hard-boiled eggs and heaping platters of matzos with the grape juice and canned soda, as bright colored cardboard objects dangled down above each table giving a festive air to each table. A 17-piece Passover Haggadah, though, was the main highlight placed directly in front of each guest.

An elongated table seated Rabbi Kreitman and the guests who prepared the English reading Haggadah and performed the main reading with response by all the seniors. Ms. Sylvia Schwartz, a talented senior, had prepared the full text with appropriate illustrations.

Kreitman pronounced the blessing over the wine. A number of small Hebrew school children were present to ask the four famous questions. Preceding the Haggadah reading, a two-piece musical ensemble entertained with the traditional songs in which the seniors were happy to join.

Rabbi Kreitman, who heads MERCAZ-the Conservative Zionist Organization, fondly welcomed the guests.

"I am sure that in the heavens right above us, (pointing up) Gloria and Sidney Danziger are shepping nachus. This couple, who passed away last year, left a foundation to serve seniors and children. Therefore, when we learned Penn South was desperately seeking a sponsor, we of the foundation, in their name, were most happy to underwrite this joyous holiday affair."

Rabbi Kreitman, in his low key approach but with a radiant smile, made his introduction brief. But the rest of the story bears telling. The Danziger Foundation funds Neva Hanna in Kiryat Gat, in the Negev. Neva Hanna is a home for severely troubled youngsters from ages 5 through 18. It has an "imma" and "abba" to serve and counsel and yes, cherish each child, making him/her part of a truly understanding family, Rabbi Kreitman later told us. It includes newly-arrived children from Russia and Ethiopia.

For less troubled children, the Danziger Foundation contributed \$3/4 million and erected a Day Care Center where parents leave their young early. They are brought home in the evening by caring counselors. During the day they are tutored academically and nourished psychologically. They participate in sports and other projects.

Neva Hanna houses between 80 and 90 youngsters; the Day Care Center more than 50.

The troubled young come from homes that are deprived in many different ways. The young immigrant children bring frightening memories that have added to the baggage they carry. But Neva Hanna gives them all the love, the understanding, the training it can.

Gloria and Sidney Danziger did not have children. Indeed the Neva Hanna young are now all their kin.

And the Penn South seniors were the extended family the Danziger couple thought of when they established the Foundation.

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A WOMAN'S VOICE

A boost for Women's Network

By MIRIAM L. ZIMMERMAN

Networking for Women is a quarterly newsletter of the Israel Women's Network. If you are a member of the IWN, you will have already re-



ceived yours. Notice an announcement about an international conference on gender and Judaism! This conference will be held from April 25 to 27 at the Melton Center for Jewish Studies at Ohio State University in Columbus.

If you are lucky enough to live in the Columbus region, and are interested in attending, call 614/292-0967 for details. All sessions are open to the public. Some of the luminaries have been written about in this column: Dr. Paula Hyman, Yale University historian, and Dr. Judith Plaskow of Manhattan College.

Alice Shalvi, chairwoman of the Israel Women's Network, will speak on "The Geopolitics of Jewish Feminism." Other plenary speakers include Dr. Yael Feldman, New York University; Dr. Sylvia Barack Fishman, Brandeis University; Rabbi Laura Geller, American Jewish Congress; Dr. Judith Hauptman, Jewish Theological Seminary; and Dr. Susannah Heschel, Case Western Reserve University.

Other news from the IWN newsletter: 1993-94 has been declared the "International Year of the Agunah" by a consortium of Jewish women's organization in Israel. The plight of the Agunot (plural of Agunah) is not too well known outside of Israel. An Agunah is an "anchored" woman — anchored to a marriage which she is unable to dissolve. In Israel, all marital issues are controlled by rabbinic religious courts, which are unresponsive to the needs of women.

An impressive consortium of Israeli women's organizations includes WIZO, Na'amat, Emunah, Hadassah-Israel, B'nai B'rith Women, Woman to Woman (Haifa),

The Association for Agunot and those Denied Divorce, the Israel Feminist Movement, the Association of Russian Immigrant Women, and Penina Peli. U.S. groups joining them are GET, Agunah Inc., and American Women's ORT. In Canada, the Emunah Religious Women's Organization has joined the fray.

"In the wake of preliminary discussions held in New York in May 1991 and October 1992, IWN initiated the establishment of a Coalition for Agunah Rights, which will constitute the Israel chapter of ICAR, the International Coalition for Agunah Rights," announced the IWN in its newsletter. This newly founded organization has worked closely with the Israeli Knesset.

In celebration of International Women's Day this year, the Israeli press, notorious for its omission of women's issues, gave unprecedented coverage to events sponsored by women's groups that occurred around International Women's Day, including ICAR's discussions with the Knesset.

The IWN also reported on leadership and civic training courses that both Israeli and Arab women can take together. The first such course was held in October 1990 and although interrupted by the Gulf War, it was successfully completed. Arab women from Tira joined their Jewish neighbors from Kohav Yair. The purpose of such courses is to prepare women to participate in government and commu-

nity activity.

Our own San Francisco Jewish Community Federation sponsored a foundation training in Kiryat Shemona in the Upper Galilee. Since this columnist spent a summer working on Kibbutz K'far Hanassi in the Upper Galilee near Rosh Pinah (near Safed), I am familiar with Kiryat Shemona. At that time, 1965, it was called an "immigrant town." I imagine by now it has lost its immigrant status.

Other headlines beckon: "Gender Equality and Education," "Health Fund Recognition of Women as Heads of Households," "Ethiopian Women in Ramla." This column is not the Digest of the Israeli Jewish Feminist Press. To find out more about Israeli women's activities, and I don't mean just recipes and how to improve your appearance, make a tax-exempt donation to the IWN and receive your own quarterly subscription to *Networking for Women*. In the U.S. send \$25 to the New Israel Fund, 1101 15th St. NW, Ste. 304, Washington, DC 20005. In Canada, send currency equivalent to the New Israel Fund, 40 Dundas St. W., Ste. 231, Box 29, Toronto, Ontario, M5G, 2C2. Be sure to specify that your donation is for the Israel Women's Network. You can mail a non-deductible donation directly to the IWN at their Post Office Box 3171, Jerusalem 91031, Israel.

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anything more at Pesach? They give to a charity organizing funds for new immigrants and Pesach is all right by them.

Pesach is such a rotten time that some people land up in clinics and hospitals, even mental hospitals. This can include married women who find the burden of preparation too much for them, even Orthodox matrons.

This year, the killings, the bereavements, the fraught state of the country, have

made it a thousand times worse.

Why do we have to have Pesach at all?

Why, don't you know, God willed it.

Maybe God did not visualize what the Jews would make of his Pesach.

God must be so sad as he looks at all these miserable people obeying his will.

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FROM THE DESK OF:

What Israel is all about

By ARLENE G. PECK

It's a unique experience. The chance to do more than just say that you are a Zionist and really spend some time as a real resident of Israel. To



learn the language, and see first hand the political and personal side of this country. I have a daily battle with myself in decisions. In learning yet again what is important in life. I consider myself as having a pioneer spirit, but for the most part that usually meant enduring something akin to slow room service. But, as the days are passing I'm becoming more and more attuned to the battle of the souls that exist here. I see that the real pioneers of the Israel of today are the newest of the residents, the Russians and the Ethiopians.

Each day I attend an Ulpan where I study a curriculum that has been set by the education ministry. In the five long months that I've committed myself to learn Hebrew I'm getting an idea of what it means to be an Israeli and a Jew. I've sat alongside these new residents on a day to day basis and am constantly amazed with how varied our people really are. There are almost a half million Soviet Jews who have immigrated to the Jewish state in the past three years. Most of them arrived here with a long history of communism and almost no religion. The Russians don't see themselves as religious and prefer to consider their reasons for being in Israel as strictly political and economic. Since Israel was the only country that would accept them, they arrived in droves. But, most acknowledge that they would rather have been in North America or Western Europe.

That, however, was not to be the case and they instead settled somewhat reluctantly into Israel. Religion was not a paramount issue in their lifestyle. The basic conditions such as finding work and a place to settle their family were more important.

But living in a country whose very existence is tied into religion is making its impact. The society in which they lived in Russia was based on lies. That is why any entry that they are finding now has to be predetermined in the foundations of logic, something that Judaism is never lacking. Still, they wonder why they should believe in the religion that goes along with living in Israel. An issue, incidentally, which seems to be soft-pedaled in the class. Yet, the very fact that they are surrounded all day by others like them from all over the world who have arrived to settle in their Jewish roots is having the logical conclusion.

The other olim, unlike them, who were drawn here

services in Russian and of the New Testament. They are having an element of success because of the ignorance of Judaism of the Russians, difficult financial problems and basic distrust that the Russians have for organized anything. It's the old story once again of "Good Christians" who feel the call to show the Jews "the way," which naturally is their way. So, while they are doing that and bringing their message of Christian faith in the Jewish homeland, they are also helping to furnish the apartments of these Russians, buying them housewares and offering emergency cash loans and sponsoring concerts by immigrant artists.

The thing that I find most amazing is how most of the

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by love of the land and a feeling of returning to their homeland, is having the desired effect. I'll have to admit, my attitude was less than benevolent, nor was it based in religious beliefs. I remember complaining to my daughter, Dana, that I had never seen a good-looking Russian man and now the men of Israel would never look as good as they once did. Wise kid that she is, she said, "Give them a few years of different diet, a lot of sun, exercise, a sprint in the army, and change of clothing styles and they'll fit in just fine." I, like them, didn't give religion much of a consideration.

So, while they are trying out Judaism for size, there are Christian groups who are also vying for their attention. The methods that they are using are varied and many of their 30 congregations to be found in Israel are offering prayer

population doesn't even consider themselves religious in the least. Even in a city like Tel Aviv where I'm living, when the sabbath comes, everything comes to a screeching halt. By two o'clock in the afternoon you can't find an office or store open. All the flower stalls have sold out and there isn't a challah to be found. Everyone is rushing to their parents, or the kibbutz or wherever it is that they consider their roots.

That's terrific. But, on the sabbath day itself the routine is fabulous. All along the beach and behind the hotels along Hyrakon Street is the huge promenade that is filled with little coffee shops, frozen yogurt stands and people selling balloons or mimes entertaining the children. It's just a wonderful atmosphere to just stroll along. If you should tire of that, you can join in along the way with the literally hundreds who are dancing to Israeli folk songs while the music blares. It is a fabulous experience to share with thousands and thousands of families, couples and friends who are just out to share the day.

ADVICE BY EDLIN

Appreciate your children

By RITA EDLIN

Q: Passover used to be such a joyful time, with all the family together. I've been continuing the tradition for almost 40 years and I'll continue to do it as long as I'm



able. But sometimes I wonder why. I raised three children to be good Jews. (I thought). They all came home for the seder this year, for which I'm grateful. But there are a few things I'm not grateful for. My oldest son brought his "friend." It took me a long time to open my heart to his lover, but I didn't want to lose my son, so I did. There will never be grandchildren from that union. My older daughter is a "Jew for Jesus." My greatest fear is that she'll find a partner who is, too. My youngest is married to a very religious Jewish man. They have five children and one on the way. They bring their own food to my seder. (Mine isn't kosher enough.) Am I alone? I wonder why none of my children turned out the way I hoped. How did I go wrong?—M.M., Cincinnati.

A: You didn't go wrong. But it seems you think they did. How can I console you? Would you feel better to hear of the family whose only child died in a car accident, or committed suicide? How about the parents with very successful children, all of whom married non-Jews or chose not to have children? Behind the seemingly happy public face of every family, there lies a private disappointment, pain, or secret unhappiness. It simply won't do to grieve over what you had hoped for your children. They must make their own way in life, just as you have.

When children choose a lifestyle their parents disapprove, they know the pain they are causing. Should they live their lives to please their parents? Most adult children

want to feel loved and validated by their parents. Some don't have the courage to break with tradition if they will also break their parents' hearts. They may, then, endure a lifetime of quiet desperation, wondering if "that's all there is." Would you wish that on your children?

Those children who depart from their parents' expectations, know the pain it causes. But they have chosen a daily life of satisfaction that others may never know. There are many who are happy in lives that please both themselves and their parents. Those are the lucky ones!

For those who are not so lucky, there are some choices. They can alienate themselves from their children, they can suffer in silence, or they can change their own attitudes. First, they stop blaming themselves.

Parents are not alone in shaping their children. Children are influenced by their genes and heredity, their teachers, friends, society, and world events. As we teach them our values, we also teach children to think for themselves. Once they begin thinking for themselves, they may depart from the ways of their parents. Those parents may have controlled the behavior of their children, but there is no way they can control their thinking. They can, however, control their own thinking. Is it better to rejoice with your children if they have found a satisfying lifestyle, or to sulk over the loss of naches you had hoped for? The choice is yours. Get rid of those useless expectations and appreciate your children as they are. Give some thought to what seder means to them. Then ask them. The answers might surprise you and open some dialogue. If you listen to them, it's more likely they will listen to you! The next seder, then, might be better for all of you. I hope so.

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Not far away in an area by the Carmel Market there is a shouk (Arab market) where people come to buy handicrafts or just sit in one of the many coffee shops and people.

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Gertel

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are, in a climactic scene, related by Gina to Gloria. They go to the heart of the mother-daughter relationships with which every viewer can identify. But the writing and characterization that build up to that scene, the interweaving of all the characters trying to get Gina's baby to say her first words, with a moving and enlightening overview of the significance of lace-making to African-American slaves (through the subplot of Grandma Davis moving in with her children), all contribute to making this an effective and memorable television episode of overwhelming historic and artistic significance. Lechowick even knows how to gracefully clear all the other characters from the room before the climactic scene between Gina and Gloria, how to follow it with a "comic relief" that itself adds pathos, and how to conclude the episode with effective use of a Hebrew inscription well-explained,

thus introducing the art form of Jewish needlepoint calligraphy to the media of television artfully and thoughtfully used.

The acting in this episode is perfect. But why should this night have been different from any other night on *Homefront*? I have already remarked, several times, that the cast is as perfect and as talented as you will ever see. Giuliana Santini communicates Gina's pain and sweetness with a disarming mix of strength and gentleness. I have already written about the touching and powerful moments that Dick Anthony Williams and Hattie Winston bring to the program as Abe and Gloria. In this episode they bring reactive acting, both to Gina and to Grandma Davis (affectingly played by Montrose Hagins) to great heights. No character but Winston's Gloria could have shown the sympathy, the kindness, the sweetness, the understanding to help Gina to express her pain and her guilt;

and writer Lechowick fore-arms Gloria with an awareness of the significance of lace-work in the experience of African-American slaves that equips her to reach out to a troubled soul as only she can do.

I began this column by reviewing some of the general problems I have had with *Homefront's* depiction of its Jewish characters. Yet it is clear that this episode, "The Lacemakers," is intended to stand on its own. It interrupts the storyline of Al Kahn being blacklisted as a communist, obviously leaving it to future episodes to resolve how Al will face these accusations and what his ordeal will bring to his life as an individual and as a Jew. This episode is clearly intended, however, to bring about a focusing on Jewish identity in Gina's character. The preview of the next episode has Gina questioning whether Charlie can wear a Catholic medal and be a suitable stepfather to her baby (even though her late husband was not Jewish.)

We shall follow these episodes in the future.

But "The Lacemakers" stands on its own as a masterpiece, as a profoundly knowing tribute to Holocaust survivors and what they have had to face. It also is able to draw parallels to the sufferings and indignities of the African-American slave experience (hence the plural in the title) in a way that promotes understanding of the histories of two peoples, not in a superficial and levelling manner, but by fostering genuine communication.

Jerusalem." What is so ironic about the entire experience is how in America, for the most part, people don't even, except for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur know when the holidays are. In Israel, I felt an excitement building for weeks for Passover. Discussions everywhere around was where people were going for the holiday.

Everything is a religious experience and they don't even know it.

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Letty Cottin Pogrebin named by Joyce Levi

Joyce Levi of Indianapolis returned to the winner's role in the Mystery person contest as she correctly named Letty Cottin Pogrebin on only two slim clues.

The first clue stated that she was a founder of the National Women's Political Caucus. In fact that took place in 1971. The second clue related that her first book was published in 1970. Its title was "How To Make It in a Man's World".

Had there been a third clue it would have been about her as a founder of Ms Magazine, of which she has been editor. She also wrote a column for the Ladies Home Journal and frequently was a contributor to Good Housekeeping.

She has published several other books, including "Getting Yours: How To



Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Make The System Work for the Working Women" and "Growing Up Free: Raising Your Child in the 80's".

Recently she was on a nationwide tour promoting her newest book.

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in the Ottoman Empire, followed French conventions when deciding how to spell their names in the Roman alphabet. One example is the Italian Jewish family name *Capelluto*. It is derived from Italian *capelluto* 'hairy, hirsute; long-haired' (and is thus based on a nickname which had been given to a hairy or long-haired male). Certain Jews in the Ottoman Empire bearing this family name respelled it *Capelouto*, in which we see the influence of French: /o/ is represented by *ou*.

So too with *Cassuto*: certain Jews in the Ottoman Empire bearing this name respelled it *Cassouto*.

Respelling of *Cassuto* to *Cassouto* could have, therefore, occurred in some French-speaking country (France? Belgium? Switzerland? Luxembourg? elsewhere) or in the Ottoman Empire. In the absence of further details, we could not tell where this change occurred in the case of "Ben Zion Cassouto."

The Ashkenazic Jews of Italy eventually lost all traces of their Ashkenazic ancestry except for a few family names (like *Polacco* 'Jew from Poland', *Schinasi* 'Ashkenazi', and *Tedesco* 'Ashkenazi'), their prayer rite, and perhaps a few customs. With respect to given names, they eventually adopted those being used by the non-Ashkenazic Jews of Italy. The Yiddish male given name *ben-tzion*, therefore, was probably lost in Italy (if it had ever been used there). Furthermore, in our case, it would not only have had to survive in Italy but also been carried from there to the Ottoman Empire (and thence to the United States). It is highly unlikely that a specifically Yiddish given name would survive the journey (presumably of many centuries) from Ashkenaz to Italy, thence to the Ottoman Empire, and thence to the United States.

Nor does the route Ashkenaz—>Italy—>France (or Belgium, etc.)—>United States look any more convincing: it is too long for the survival of a specifically Yiddish given name.

Thus, if "Ben Zion Cassouto" is a real name, we must divorce "Ben Zion" and "Cassouto," that is, assume that "Ben Zion Cassouto" was named for an Ashkenazic male relative who does NOT belong to his male line.

People engaged in police and detective work sometimes query the Jewish Family Name File, asking whether this or that name is authentic or what it reveals about its bearer or its bearer's ancestry. Sometimes a definite reply can be given, sometimes no reply is available, and sometimes a partial or only tentative reply suggests itself.

In the case of "Ben Zion Cassouto," we may conclude that the name is possible, but highly unlikely. It thus appears to have been contrived. If, on the other hand, it is a real name, Ben Zion Cassouto must have an interesting genealogy. We eagerly await the details.

If you know of any non-Ashkenazic Jews named *ben-tzion* in Hebrew, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Peck

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plewatch. Eventually they go home in the late afternoon to take the required nap so they can get up around 11 o'clock, get dressed and go out. Then the discos and pubs explode and everyone flocks to places like Misbaha, Rosebud or Ha Ratisf.

The entire time is set aside to share with your family, which in the case of Israel happens to be everyone. It really is, for the most part, a religious experience. But, they'll tell you, "not me... I'm not religious. They live in

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Aghast at sex news, Jewish family hope

Dear editor,

What is the Jewish community coming to? It is not enough that we are losing our children to intermarriage. We are so concerned with titillation that we pay no attention to Torah.

In the April 7 issue of *Post and Opinion* there is the headline innuendo that the Lubavitch movement is selling sex by advertising an attractive female teenager on a poster, and on the same page we are told of the debate between Rabbi Shelomo Riskin and Daniel Syme on patrilineal descent and the current controversy concerning the homosexual Beth Simhat Torah congregation marching in the Israel Day parade.

On page three, the reader is informed that an affair between two rabbis, married, but not to each other, is being resolved by requiring the female assistant to leave, but allowing the senior male rabbi to remain at his post, and we are told that the Israeli Health Ministry is passing out free condoms at a rock concert at Eilat. It is also reported that a leading scholar of Jewish law in Conservative Judaism is resigning the deanship at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for the second time because, for the second time, he is being charged with sexual harassment. Also presented is a paper by Lynn Felman, who finds it difficult to be accepted in the Jewish community because she is an open lesbian.

The wisdom of the Lubavitch approach to modesty is revealed in the comments, columns and reports. Because secular Jewry is so preoccupied with sex, the sight of a modestly clad pious teenager elicits sexual comments. For pious hasidim, women are not to be locked in closets, but are permitted to grow separate from, and free from harassment by, men who have little but libido on their minds.

In a culture where a professor of Talmud can create an apparent track record of improper sexual comments, and when we are asked to have sympathy for a talented lesbian lawyer who, because she does not have a traditional family, finds no place in the Jewish community, we find it no wonder that Rabbi Riskin and Daniel Syme can debate patrilineal descent. Riskin

points to Jewish history as understood by the community of the committed in his defense of the matrilineal definition of Jewish identity, while Syme defends liberal Jewish policy [a] because he does not want to lose "a whole generation of Jewish children," and [b] because he "acted on the egalitarian principle that Jewish fathers have the right to impact the identity of their children no less than Jewish mothers." In point of fact, children of such unions generally have very little Jewish identity because neither partner is passionately committed to Jewish continuity, witness their marital choice. Syme is more concerned with billing unit affiliates and egalitarianism than Jewish tradition. And when Jewish tradition falls into disuse, the anarchy of sexual license and cultural extinction looms near.

Homosexual Jews may support Israel and Federation, but not for more than one generation, because they generally do not have large families, and given the AIDS epidemic, their record for longevity is limited. The traditional Jew is concerned with survival, and it is the purity of the Jewish family that has enabled the Jewish faithful to keep its appointment with Jewish destiny.

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NJCRAC castigated on Pollard decision

Dear editor,

The decision of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council not to request a pardon for Jonathan Pollard is an atrocious crime. Those who voted against the pardon request are truly galut Jews, living in fear of the Gentile world. Passover did not free them from the galut mentality.

Pollard did not harm the United States an iota. The government reneged on a promise of leniency if he would plead guilty. No other convicted spy ever received a life sentence — even those who spied for the Soviets. Responsible for this unprecedented and unjustified sentence was the anti-Semite

Caspar Weinberger. While opposing a pardon for Pollard, Weinberger was delighted with the pardon he received from President Bush. He belongs in prison, instead of Pollard who has already paid for his folly.

It is not too late for the NACRAC to rectify the grievous error it made and join all self-respecting American Jews and ask President Clinton that he pardon Pollard. I hope the request will come soon, for the sake of Pollard, and for the sake of American Jewry.
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Krupnick, Likud no, but Rabin yes

Dear editor,

My former Chicagoan, Samson Krupnick, echoes the typical criticism of the

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child is circumcised. But, by direct extension of the Torah's statement, the eighth day is also the day that husband and wife may resume physical contact. It is this unhappiness of separation that is the reason why circumcision is delayed until the eighth day, the day husband and wife can fully embrace, and share the joy of the moment.

From the aforementioned Talmud, we derive that it is important that the proper ambience for the observance for a commandment be generated. Since it is the parents who must raise the child, and are responsible for the child adhering to the covenant, it makes little sense that they be unhappy, or distraught, at the time of the circumcision. The circumcision is thus delayed in order that the parents be together, and happily together.

The Midrash (Deuteronomy 6), asks the same question, why do we wait till the eighth day, and suggests a different approach. The answer in the Midrash is that we wait until the eighth day, so that the child is more functionally autonomous, and therefore better able to handle the trauma of circumcision and its aftereffects. The Midrashic answer focuses on the child's general condition, as opposed to whether or not the parents are together.

Likud Party against Rabin, accusing him of deception. Rabin promised us a change from the Israel fundamentalists who deny the right to practice Judaism to the members of the Reform and Conservative congregations in Israel and strong measures against the militant Arabs, which he has done by expelling 400 Hamas. Under the regime of Krupnick's candidate Shamir, Israel was denied \$10 billion loan credits, which was accomplished by Rabin diplomacy. Rabin has enabled a thousand Jews from Zagreb to come to Israel, which

Shamir in his dogmatism could never accomplish.

Jim Shipley also has a column in *The P-O* and praises Rabin on his deportation of the 400 Hamas and indicates that the rightist group of Samson Krupnick is responsible for creating protest marches that delight the U.S. press. Krupnick may live in Israel, but his criticism of Rabin and the Labor Party is helpful to the Arab cause in America.

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SS Serpa Pinto revival planned

NEW YORK — Harry Fischback of Toronto hopes to locate some of the two dozen youngsters, ages six to 15, who were brought to freedom in America in April 1943 from Lisbon aboard the

SS Serpa Pinto with the assistance of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. His goal is a reunion. He can be reached at 462 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, M5R2Z5 or 416-924-1213.

From the Midrashic perspective it would seem as if the ideal time for circumcision would be immediately after the child is born but the circumcision is delayed until the child is viable enough to tolerate the procedure.

But if circumcision is a covenantal act, why do we not delay the circumcision until the child is aware of the implications of the circumcision, and is in fact old enough to appreciate the full significance of the covenantal act? Why in fact do we not delay circumcision until the child is 13?

More importantly, why is this not even a question? It seems as if the framework of questioning is restricted to why we wait until the eighth day, why we do not circumcise even earlier than that. Why do we not even have some qualms about the circumcision taking place so early, rather than so late?

The simple answer to this is that there was never any contemplation of circumcision taking place as late as the age of 13. True, it is the time when the child can better appreciate the meaning of the covenant, but the pain involved is so excruciating as to make this advanced age off limits as the time for circumcision. We would not want the child to associate entry into Jewish affirmation with excruciating pain. Therefore, the circum-

cision must take place at the earliest possible stage, when the pain is much less severe, and the child hopefully hardly aware of the pain.

Once the child has been circumcised, it becomes the obligation of the parents to assure that this is not merely a surgical procedure, but that the child appreciates the significance of the covenantal responsibilities placed upon it.

To a large extent, the bar mitzvah at age 13 is the child's reaffirmation, at the first moment of adulthood, of the agreement undertaken on his behalf when he was only eight days old.

Bar mitzvah is the painless but meaningful entry into a covenant, the process for which was begun at the early stages of the child's life.

From the fact that the circumcision takes place on the eighth day, not earlier and not later, much is revealed about the essence of Jewish continuity. In a word, the eighth day is chosen because that is the day that the parents have come together again and are happy together. And, as opposed to later on, it is a time when the covenantal affirmation is relatively painless.

The message is clear. Our children should grow up in an atmosphere of joy, and where Jewish affirmation is looked upon not as a pain, but as a pleasure.